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The Center for Business and Economic Research has worked closely with business and industry throughout Alabama since our establishment in 1930. During our fifty-three-year history the goals of the Center have remained the same: to collect, maintain, analyse, and disseminate economic and demographic data on our state and region. We have sought to meet these goals through numerous research programs, publications, and information services. The Alabama Econometric Model is now well established as a major planning tool for business and government; our population forecasts are used by business and local, regional, and state planning agencies; and our annual *Economic Outlook* and biennial *Economic Abstract of Alabama* are essential publications to persons throughout Alabama, the region, and the nation.

The weak national and state economy of recent years, however, has taken its toll. Declining buying power and rising demand for remaining resources forced us to curtail the publication of *Alabama Business*. While a difficult and painful decision, we felt it necessary if we were to continue to build and maintain those economic and demographic data resources so important to all of you and to us.

There was an immediate response to the loss of *Alabama Business*. The data and analysis contained in each issue had become an important resource to many public and private sector organizations. While all of us at CBER had hoped that the loss of *Alabama Business* would be only temporary, this public response drove us harder to overcome the shortage of funds and to continue to maintain and develop the Center's comprehensive resources. We are pleased to be back!

You will find there have been some changes. Several new series have been added and others dropped. The retail trade series, of great interest to many of our readers, continues to receive special attention. Future issues will reveal two new products: a quarterly forecast of national and state economic activity; and a monthly Alabama index of leading and coincident economic indicators. We hope you will find these new features of value.

Over the past twenty-four months as we worked to restore and improve *Alabama Business*, many of you who recognize the value of *Alabama Business* have suggested that we go to a subscription publication. And while we feel this approach would help considerably in underwriting our publications costs, we wanted to preserve *Alabama Business* as a service publication of the College of Commerce and Business Administration and The University. With both of these points in mind, we have decided to establish a voluntary sponsorship program. *Alabama Business* will continue to be provided as a free service to all who request it. However, we are asking those of you who find *Alabama Business* an important item in your monthly reading program to consider giving us a hand. Please see the enclosed insert.

Again, let me say we are very glad to be back! I hope our absence has not caused you undue difficulty, and we sincerely appreciate your many letters and calls of support and encouragement. We are dedicated to serving you, the people, business, and government of Alabama, and look forward to many more good years together.

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Alabama Metropolitan Statistical Areas



Several changes were made to those areas in Alabama designated as metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) on July 1, 1983. These changes will affect the comparability of statistics for the Huntsville and Birmingham MSAs with those of earlier periods, while more information for the Dothan area will now be available as a result of the creation of the Dothan MSA.

Changes in Alabama's MSAs are reflected in the map above. The Huntsville MSA now comprises only Madison County, where previous to July 1, 1983, Limestone and Marshall counties were included in the Huntsville MSA. The Birmingham MSA, which previously contained Jefferson, St. Clair, Shelby, and Walker counties, was expanded to include Blount County.

Dale and Houston counties were combined to form the Dothan MSA. This addition brings the number of MSAs contained wholly within Alabama to nine, and if the Russell County portion of the Columbus, Georgia, MSA is considered the total is ten.

Metropolitan statistical area (standard metropolitan statistical area prior to July 1) designations are made by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. The general concept of a metropolitan area is one of a large population nucleus, together with adjacent communities which have a high degree of economic and social integration with that nucleus.

Within this publication the retail sales reports for the Huntsville and Birmingham MSAs will be affected.

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1982				1983								
	1981	1982	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production ¹ (1,000 net tons)	24,467	25,869	1,936	2,256	2,032	1,664	1,965	1,858	1,914	2,017	1,907	1,759	1,667	2,004	1,937
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	126,885	133,892	10,251	10,223	11,258	11,590	12,165	10,832	11,423	11,429	10,399	10,301	10,189		
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	331,792	320,808	28,644	28,749	27,632	26,680	25,851	29,560	33,442	29,988	31,724	32,484			
Crude oil and condensate production ² (1,000 barrels)	20,669	20,011	1,549	1,498	1,714	1,742	1,732	1,511	1,603	1,561	1,564	1,525	1,596		
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kWh)	25,907	21,431	1,696	1,707	1,659	1,499	1,571	1,649	1,621	1,702	1,753	1,797	1,756	1,963	1,892
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	5,153	5,419	436	478	462	406	484	424	517	506	556	554	561		
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined ³ (\$1,000)	1,880,000	2,013,300	198,200	183,000	160,600	170,400	139,500	144,900	253,800	225,500	283,500	327,100	160,400	219,900	242,200
Residential	289,300	847,400	82,800	80,000	83,800	59,100	74,700	70,600	104,500	107,700	123,400	125,700	100,500	101,300	162,200
Nonresidential	659,700	660,800	74,600	45,600	54,700	45,800	47,600	56,000	93,000	74,400	128,000	111,900	45,300	73,300	45,400
Public works and utilities	354,100	505,000	40,900	51,300	22,100	65,500	17,100	18,500	56,400	43,100	41,700	89,300	14,700	45,400	34,400
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	988	928	91	86	73	71	60	62	92	86	85	116	102	116	
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations ⁴ (\$1,000,000)	4,451	4,598	4,604	4,587	4,547	4,598	4,668	4,724	4,830	4,951	4,993	5,063	5,096	5,123	5,159
Tax collections (\$1,000)	2,081,208	2,112,332	186,771	178,990	174,617	154,150	177,787	174,477	189,042	192,932	218,607	189,144	173,150	191,429	219,553
Franchise	48,167	52,016	8,535	4,318	2,255	1,492	443	861	15,688	7,306	1,145	2,777	7,524	2,253	7,300
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	201,271	197,894	17,003	16,229	16,293	15,907	17,274	15,813	14,001	17,681	16,303	17,158	17,252	17,182	17,874
Income	772,011	765,160	60,096	54,510	71,940	49,032	45,667	79,861	76,745	49,511	108,834	80,633	36,785	81,341	81,667
Motor fuels	40,470	41,505	2,719	3,827	5,149	3,448	2,967	3,658	3,049	3,763	3,901	3,136	3,206	4,195	3,383
Oil/gas privilege	42,074	36,891	3,377	3,114	2,805	2,953	4,238	2,964	4,871	5,691	6,447	6,193	5,131	5,290	5,168
Oil/gas production	19,254	18,510	1,725	1,520	1,401	1,468	1,504	1,485	1,808	1,362	1,823	1,541	1,319	1,319	1,331
Sales	543,673	562,208	47,191	45,920	46,451	49,258	56,835	43,331	44,491	48,128	52,546	52,347	51,650	52,961	51,526
2.2% Gross receipts	39,527	44,104		10,724	130	35	10,560	135	147	10,636	110	48	10,738	61	3,548
TVA electric	29,317	35,999	4,998		5,661	2,831		2,831	2,831	5,661	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,911	
Tobacco	70,384	70,885	6,557	5,933	5,698	5,849	6,864	4,692	4,881	5,411	5,599	6,536	6,035	5,426	5,906
Use	66,247	67,876	1,320	14,218	1,372	1,017	14,086	2,039	960	14,062	1,239	816	14,707	1,097	643
Utility	123,790	134,597	11,081	10,695	10,123	16,079	12,180	12,368	13,717	12,152	11,461	10,751	10,617	11,747	12,838
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. ⁵ (1967 = 100)															
All items	272.3	288.8	292.8	293.6	293.2	292.0	293.1	293.2	293.4	296.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8
Food	274.6	285.7	287.6	287.0	286.4	296.5	288.1	289.0	290.5	291.9	292.4	292.0	292.0	292.2	292.6
Housing	293.5	314.7	319.7	320.7	319.0	316.3	317.9	318.5	318.6	320.3	321.8	323.1	324.5	324.8	326.4
Fuel and utilities	319.2	350.8	359.5	363.4	362.2	364.1	365.4	364.6	363.8	363.6	369.3	373.6	375.5	375.1	376.4
Apparel and upkeep	186.9	191.8	194.9	195.5	195.4	193.6	191.0	192.0	194.5	195.5	196.1	196.6	196.0	197.3	200.4
Transportation	280.0	291.5	295.3	295.5	285.8	284.8	293.0	289.9	287.4	292.3	296.2	298.3	300.4	302.4	303.7
Medical care	294.5	328.7	336.0	338.7	342.2	344.3	347.8	351.3	352.3	353.5	354.3	355.4	357.7	360.0	361.2
Energy	410.0	416.0	424.2	425.0	422.6	419.9	414.5	406.7	399.9	410.0	421.3	427.3	430.1	429.8	429.3
Producer Price Index, U.S. ⁶ (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	293.3	299.3	299.3	299.8	300.3	300.7	299.9	300.9	300.6	300.6	301.5	302.5	303.2	304.9	305.3
Industrial commodities	304.0	312.3	312.7	314.3	315.0	315.2	313.9	313.9	313.5	312.4	313.6	315.4	316.6	317.5	317.2
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers (1977 = 100)	124.3	115.7	114.0	111.0	113.0	111.0	114.0	118.0	117.0	117.0	120.0	119.0	122.0	126.0	126.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = \$1,000)															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.367	.346	.342	.341	.341	.342	.341	.341	.341	.338	.337	.335	.334	.333	.331
Wholesale prices	.341	.334	.334	.334	.333	.333	.333	.332	.333	.333	.332	.331	.330	.328	.328
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT⁷															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,669.0	1,713.0	1,732.3	1,752.3	1,737.9	1,720.2	1,731.5	1,740.4	1,739.8	1,732.7	1,729.4	1,732.2	1,758.3	1,746.2	1,745.3
Unemployment	178.0	247.0	256.6	267.8	268.1	266.9	288.9	284.1	281.9	236.6	225.0	222.2	232.0	214.3	214.5
Unemployment rate	10.7	14.4	14.8	15.3	15.4	15.5	16.7	16.3	15.1	13.7	13.0	12.8	13.2	12.3	12.3
Employment	1,491.0	1,466.0	1,475.7	1,484.5	1,469.8	1,453.3	1,441.6	1,456.3	1,477.9	1,496.1	1,504.4	1,510.0	1,526.3	1,531.9	1,530.8
Nonagricultural	1,347.6	1,315.0	1,306.3	1,309.8	1,312.3	1,310.1	1,301.6	1,302.3	1,303.9	1,309.6	1,312.5	1,319.4	1,319.2	1,311.6	1,314.3
Manufacturing	362.0	337.0	333.1	328.1	326.9	325.6	324.6	325.0	326.5	328.5	329.7	330.4	328.7	330.8	334.6
Durable goods	174.6	158.4	154.2	150.8	151.1	150.3	150.0	150.3	151.1	151.9	152.3	151.4	151.5	154.5	154.6
Lumber and wood products	27.2	25.3	25.7	25.1	25.5	25.7	25.7	25.7	25.9	26.0	26.3	26.6	26.6	26.7	26.9
Stone, clay, glass products	9.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.7
Primary metals	36.6	29.4	26.1	24.7	25.0	24.5	24.7	24.7	24.4	24.8	24.6	24.6	24.1	24.7	24.3
Blast furn. and steel works	13.5	8.8	6.5	5.3	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.1	5.5	5.7	5.2
Iron and steel foundries	12.4	11.4	11.2	10.7	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.4	10.3	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.7	10.7
Fabricated metals	25.8	23.0	22.8	22.5	22.6	22.3	22.1	21.7	22.2	22.1	22.2	22.0	22.2	22.5	22.6
Machinery (incl. electrical)	34.7	33.7	33.5	32.8	32.6	32.4	32.4	32.6	32.8	33.1	33.2	33.4	33.5	33.9	33.9
Transportation	23.7	22.4	21.2	21.1	21.0	21.2	21.1	21.3	21.8	21.6	21.4	20.0	20.2	21.1	21.9
Other durable goods	16.9	16.0	16.0	16.0	15.9	15.8	15.8	15.5	15.8	15.5	15.8	16.0	16.2	16.1	16.3
Non-durable goods	187.4	178.6	178.9	177.3	175.8	175.3	174.6	174.7	175.4	176.6	177.4	179.0	175.2	179.4	180.0
Food	27.9	26.7	27.0	26.7	26.7	26.5	26.6	26.3	26.3	26.4	26.6	26.6	26.6	26.7	26.7
Textile mill products	42.1	38.6	38.3	38.0	37.9	37.7	37.3	37.1	37.4	38.1	38.1	38.5	38.5	38.5	38.5
Apparel	54.7	53.2	53.6	53.3	52.8	52.9	52.9	53.6	53.6	53.7	54.3	54.8	53.1	54.7	55.3
Paper and allied products	20.8	20.9	21.1	20.8	20.5	20.8	20.5	20.1	20.5	20.5	20.7	21.2	21.2	21.5	20.9
Printing and publishing	10.1	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.1
Chemicals and allied products	14.5	13.1	12.6	12.5	12.3	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.4	11.7	11.7
Rubber products	14.7	13.5	13.7	13.4	12.8	12.9	13.3	13.2	13.5	13.6	13.6	13.6	13.6	13.8	13.8
Other non-durable goods	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Nonmanufacturing	985.6	977.9	973.2												

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982				1983								
	1981	1982	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service (number)															
Job applications	314,801	176,752	16,229	13,161	12,269	10,457	15,331	14,986	18,927	18,139	18,495	21,778	20,987	19,505	.....
Nonagricultural placements	77,868	66,900	4,960	4,626	3,961	3,342	4,253	4,469	6,039	7,233	6,942	10,753	15,126	10,484	.....
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims (number)	487,153	632,290	50,055	45,718	41,857	53,339	77,765	35,542	36,556	30,468	26,892	25,293	49,017	29,803	.....
Payments (\$1,000)	168,760	233,984	20,213	19,663	19,383	25,027	23,232	20,554	21,604	16,669	14,783	14,873	13,217	15,186	.....
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)															
Autauga	14,320	15,380	14,760	15,350	15,580	15,670	15,730	15,690	15,550	15,560	15,090	15,030	15,090	15,030	15,200
Baldwin	32,990	33,640	32,580	33,300	33,660	33,880	34,080	34,080	34,000	33,750	33,700	34,010	34,790	34,140	33,790
Barbour	11,210	11,410	11,850	12,060	11,670	11,630	11,250	11,300	11,410	11,500	11,380	11,270	11,590	11,550	11,580
Bibb	12,4	16,4	13,6	14,5	14,5	15,5	17,4	16,4	15,2	13,9	12,3	12,4	12,4	12,7	11,6
Blount	5,410	5,640	5,660	5,680	5,600	5,710	5,880	5,840	5,800	5,750	5,670	5,720	5,750	5,240	5,550
Bullock	20,2	22,9	24,2	23,3	22,1	27,2	27,1	26,6	23,8	20,5	18,4	17,3	16,8	16,4	18,9
Butler	14,080	14,100	13,890	14,190	13,750	13,700	13,870	14,010	14,010	14,010	13,850	13,570	13,620	13,400	13,580
Calhoun	11,9	19,7	19,8	20,7	20,4	21,8	23,0	21,3	18,9	17,5	17,2	17,2	17,6	15,2	15,3
Chambers	4,470	4,310	4,590	4,720	4,600	4,440	4,110	4,140	4,180	4,240	4,360	4,360	4,510	4,510	4,870
Cherokee	14,7	15,6	16,3	17,3	17,9	18,4	20,0	18,6	16,1	14,5	14,6	16,9	19,2	18,4	15,6
Chilton	9,840	10,020	10,380	10,420	10,300	10,210	9,770	9,810	9,970	9,700	9,740	9,740	9,900	9,820	9,880
Choctaw	13,0	20,1	18,3	19,3	21,6	22,4	21,9	21,1	21,2	17,2	16,5	16,7	16,5	15,3	14,3
Clarke	45,000	45,810	45,130	46,290	45,740	46,110	45,900	46,570	46,560	45,800	45,870	46,230	46,920	46,850	46,420
Clay	11,0	15,0	13,6	14,8	13,3	13,3	15,2	15,6	14,3	12,7	13,2	12,7	12,2	11,5	11,1
Cleburne	15,920	16,170	15,450	15,770	15,800	15,840	16,500	16,400	16,360	16,360	16,330	16,600	16,920	16,820	16,470
Coffee	7,5	11,4	10,7	11,5	11,6	11,9	12,8	11,4	10,1	9,2	9,0	9,5	10,6	9,4	8,1
Colbert	11,520	11,300	12,060	12,490	12,540	11,930	10,930	10,820	10,810	11,180	11,340	11,050	10,710	10,550	11,390
Conecuh	7,2	14,9	12,3	13,5	16,3	14,0	16,7	25,2	22,3	14,7	12,1	12,4	18,5	17,2	10,4
Cook	14,7	15,6	16,3	17,3	17,9	19,4	20,0	18,6	16,1	14,5	13,9	12,6	11,9	11,7	11,9
Choctaw	5,160	5,230	5,350	5,380	5,460	5,430	5,380	5,430	5,440	5,590	5,590	5,580	5,870	5,660	5,540
Clarke	11,7	15,4	14,2	15,4	15,8	15,1	18,9	16,2	14,3	15,5	15,6	14,8	17,3	13,8	13,0
Clay	10,110	10,470	10,090	10,010	10,610	10,500	10,770	10,970	10,940	10,590	10,550	10,990	10,940	10,750	10,620
Cleburne	10,9	15,7	18,8	17,5	22,5	19,0	18,3	19,2	17,9	15,9	15,7	16,9	15,7	14,0	13,6
Coffee	7,280	7,460	7,280	7,480	7,540	7,520	7,590	7,550	7,660	7,670	7,760	7,570	7,980	7,780	7,960
Colbert	9,1	13,4	13,9	13,7	15,2	15,7	17,0	14,3	13,0	12,1	13,9	13,5	15,5	11,7	11,5
Conecuh	4,900	5,080	5,130	5,370	5,300	5,340	5,170	5,190	5,180	5,170	5,160	5,080	5,090	5,010	5,190
Cook	8,7	14,5	10,2	11,5	11,2	12,8	16,5	16,0	13,9	15,3	12,3	12,3	9,8	9,1	10,3
Colbert	19,050	19,490	17,900	18,830	18,230	18,220	20,160	20,370	20,310	20,320	20,560	20,220	20,480	20,600	20,810
Conecuh	10,8	11,8	12,6	14,5	12,2	14,5	14,0	13,2	12,4	10,6	10,0	9,2	9,7	9,2	8,9
Cook	23,110	23,540	22,980	23,180	23,150	23,660	23,980	24,160	24,310	24,010	23,620	23,540	23,660	23,700	23,700
Conecuh	14,6	19,0	17,8	17,6	17,7	19,7	22,1	21,9	21,1	19,5	17,5	16,7	17,3	16,6	16,5
Cook	6,770	6,740	7,200	7,300	7,350	7,370	6,570	6,650	6,910	6,780	6,790	6,760	6,880	6,790	6,830
Cook	11,1	14,0	12,3	12,4	13,4	14,1	13,0	13,2	14,9	13,2	12,1	11,6	11,6	10,9	12,8
Covington	5,840	5,640	5,720	5,770	5,760	5,740	5,620	5,580	5,580	5,560	5,770	5,580	5,710	5,630	5,770
Covington	7,9	10,7	10,6	10,5	11,0	11,8	12,8	12,0	11,1	10,5	10,8	9,6	10,5	8,9	8,1
Crenshaw	15,270	15,440	15,800	16,350	16,080	16,000	15,630	15,890	15,890	16,110	16,080	16,040	16,370	16,450	16,480
Crenshaw	10,4	13,7	11,7	13,4	12,6	12,7	14,6	14,5	12,9	11,6	10,7	10,0	14,3	12,2	11,5
Culman	6,560	6,690	6,900	7,150	6,800	6,490	6,120	6,220	6,390	6,520	6,700	6,540	6,890	6,650	6,940
Culman	10,0	14,1	10,8	11,8	12,7	12,8	14,1	14,3	13,3	11,7	10,6	11,1	14,0	13,3	12,8
Dale	26,650	27,480	27,800	28,670	28,090	28,150	27,790	28,600	28,380	28,420	28,500	27,940	28,380	28,300	28,660
Dale	12,4	17,1	16,8	17,6	17,6	19,5	19,8	22,4	19,8	22,4	16,9	15,0	13,2	13,5	12,0
Dallas	12,130	12,290	12,100	12,510	12,540	12,690	12,800	12,990	12,920	12,970	12,930	12,610	12,900	12,710	12,650
Dallas	12,0	13,2	12,7	13,5	14,3	16,0	16,9	16,2	14,8	13,9	12,9	12,5	13,3	12,2	11,9
DeKalb	22,560	23,350	23,580	23,820	23,650	23,620	23,320	23,580	23,400	23,290	23,290	23,680	24,040	23,700	23,540
DeKalb	12,6	17,6	16,9	17,6	19,8	21,0	21,4	20,6	19,1	18,8	16,5	16,1	16,7	15,6	15,7
Elmore	27,250	28,460	28,320	28,800	28,650	28,580	29,020	29,090	29,190	29,550	29,470	29,580	30,610	30,420	30,080
Elmore	10,3	13,4	12,0	12,9	14,0	15,0	17,0	16,1	14,7	13,9	12,5	12,6	13,7	11,5	12,3
Etowah	19,300	20,280	19,570	19,660	19,600	19,460	19,830	20,060	20,370	20,210	20,280	20,250	20,240	20,270	20,120
Etowah	9,4	13,1	12,9	12,9	12,9	12,3	14,0	13,7	14,3	13,2	13,2	13,0	11,7	11,5	10,9
Etowah	15,910	16,330	15,660	15,900	15,980	15,840	16,320	16,940	16,420	16,700	16,700	16,940	17,260	16,750	16,860
Etowah	9,8	13,2	12,4	13,2	14,1	13,7	13,7	12,9	12,1	12,6	12,6	12,2	13,0	12,2	11,8
Fayette	41,600	42,740	43,320	43,500	43,580	44,110	43,240	42,920	42,810	41,730	41,600	41,220	41,920	41,800	41,460
Fayette	23,0	20,5	20,8	21,8	22,4	23,1	23,9	22,8	21,8	18,0	16,4	15,9	16,1	15,0	14,5
Franklin	10,010	9,880	10,170	10,340	10,400	10,280	9,920	10,120	10,090	10,140	10,040	10,120	10,160	10,220	10,390
Franklin	7,8	11,4	10,7	13,1	11,7	11,3	13,5	13,8	13,8	12,8	10,8	9,7	10,8	10,3	10,9
Franklin	12,930	13,350	12,600	12,930	13,000	13,280	13,680	13,720	13,810	13,780	14,180	14,700	14,430	14,430	14,530
Franklin	12,9	18,4	15,8	17,4	20,5	23,1	23,5	21,2	19,1	16,4	14,3	15,1	22,8	15,2	16,2
Geneva	10,930	10,910	11,240	11,500	11,300	11,960	10,970	11,130	11,310	11,440	11,750	11,530	11,470	11,830	12,030
Greene	10,1	11,3	9,1	9,0	9,8	11,3	13,3	12,5	11,6	10,0	10,1	9,1	10,1	9,2	8,4
Greene	4,360	4,610	4,510	4,620	4,540	4,510	4,580	4,630	4,790	4,66					

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982				1983								
	1981	1982	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)—continued															
Monroe	10,010	10,250	10,350	10,490	10,450	10,970	10,200	10,300	10,430	10,580	10,500	10,550	10,700	10,700	10,720
Montgomery	87,220	89,890	86,970	87,610	87,820	87,610	88,130	89,040	89,500	88,630	88,520	89,420	90,480	90,370	90,710
Morgan	36,610	37,400	37,070	37,620	37,910	37,980	37,450	37,140	37,010	36,800	37,140	37,420	37,980	37,640	37,550
Perry	5,440	5,200	5,450	5,640	5,540	5,570	5,630	5,580	5,680	5,660	5,800	5,800	5,920	5,910	5,890
Pickens	7,670	7,620	7,590	7,640	7,600	7,580	7,640	7,730	7,940	7,910	7,990	7,900	7,970	7,780	7,800
Pike	13,230	13,230	13,020	13,950	13,750	13,400	13,520	13,720	13,740	13,760	13,960	13,760	13,920	13,820	14,070
Randolph	9,110	9,670	9,530	9,830	9,720	9,460	9,360	9,120	8,700	8,750	8,640	8,420	9,040	8,550	8,470
Russell	17,310	18,050	17,250	17,670	17,970	17,990	18,090	18,090	17,920	17,500	17,480	17,730	17,980	18,010	17,690
St. Clair	18,570	18,970	18,180	18,430	18,770	18,990	19,410	19,620	19,560	19,230	18,970	18,770	18,870	18,870	18,970
Shelby	29,150	29,910	29,240	29,430	29,560	30,490	30,260	30,230	30,210	29,820	30,100	29,810	30,340	30,360	30,190
Sumter	6,820	6,970	7,070	7,130	7,100	7,160	7,150	7,150	7,250	7,240	7,340	7,410	7,470	7,350	7,290
Talladega	29,480	30,630	31,120	30,900	30,930	31,260	31,230	31,220	30,980	30,530	30,570	30,180	30,400	30,390	30,090
Tallapoosa	16,420	17,250	16,790	16,850	16,960	16,990	17,330	17,240	17,360	17,070	17,110	17,650	18,230	17,810	17,550
Tuscaloosa	55,160	55,380	53,060	55,110	54,890	55,140	56,030	56,800	56,320	55,690	55,910	54,990	55,610	55,830	55,600
Walker	31,510	31,720	31,440	32,100	31,420	32,180	32,420	32,690	32,590	32,360	32,330	32,080	32,690	32,580	32,450
Washington	6,030	6,260	6,250	6,340	6,330	6,290	6,430	6,320	6,430	6,490	6,520	6,640	6,810	6,560	6,750
Wilcox	4,840	5,170	5,610	5,710	6,110	5,510	5,410	5,420	5,440	5,410	5,290	5,220	5,260	5,210	5,360
Winston	8,310	8,450	8,650	8,870	8,700	8,520	8,480	8,780	8,500	8,340	8,280	8,210	8,320	8,250	8,310
	16.5	22.6	23.2	24.9	23.2	23.9	25.7	27.6	22.1	18.8	17.3	17.2	17.8	17.1	16.3
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value (\$1,000)	727,078	551,093	60,169	43,393	56,588	26,764	68,870	42,897	39,541	61,067	72,867	49,281	33,162	70,692	.....
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	16,032	8,142	902	629	709	591	447	370	308	651	560	353	343	819	.....
Exports															
Value (\$1,000)	1,430,730	1,222,158	77,232	86,681	122,662	99,164	78,730	80,453	68,176	81,973	60,503	71,690	51,007	33,212	.....
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	14,210	14,577	1,170	1,046	1,241	1,269	1,133	1,057	757	1,061	898	1,150	610	344	.....
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile ^a (1,000 tons)	37,649	39,655	2,897	3,401	3,259	3,050	3,030	2,695	2,574	3,193	3,051	3,266	2,560	3,013	2,812
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (1,000,000 kWh)	22,713	22,680	2,247	1,799	1,616	1,762	1,995	1,998	1,668	1,650	1,490	1,678	2,149	2,571	2,547
Gasoline sales ^b (1,000 gallons)	1,849,225	1,840,396	151,115	151,929	148,040	161,810	147,757	132,674	163,666	150,978	158,764	.....	.....	.....	.....
New passenger car registrations ¹⁰ (number)	112,051	100,717	9,015	8,091	9,441	9,205	8,018	8,462	9,326	9,544	11,620	10,660	11,039	10,012	.....
Retail sales by kind of business, state totals ¹¹ (\$1,000,000)															
Food	3,580	3,634	310	313	302	324	291	290	309	323	329	343	363	344	321
General stores with food and gas	319	331	28	30	27	28	25	24	28	32	32	32	33	32	28
General merchandise	2,190	2,292	178	190	231	312	123	150	192	204	171	163	192	201	183
Apparel	486	499	39	41	43	69	33	32	46	45	44	42	41	47	46
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	527	534	41	43	46	55	40	41	49	49	53	55	56	60	54
Automotive	2,570	2,690	226	218	234	226	208	224	285	294	315	338	345	361	345
Gasoline service stations	1,384	1,342	110	114	109	106	93	88	101	101	116	120	123	122	112
Lumber and building materials	844	778	70	69	66	61	55	57	75	78	92	98	103	119	113
Hardware and farm implements	384	351	30	30	30	30	23	24	34	34	39	42	41	42	42
Eating places	1,043	1,112	92	97	92	98	82	87	100	99	104	104	109	110	96
Drug stores	458	535	41	42	41	50	36	45	46	47	48	42	45	47	44
All other retail	2,445	2,436	192	195	199	256	177	177	221	219	256	269	259	286	262
Total sales by retail concerns	16,230	16,532	1,356	1,383	1,420	1,616	1,185	1,239	1,485	1,522	1,598	1,650	1,710	1,771	1,647
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	4,514	4,752	405	403	390	400	348	331	403	381	418	429	409	418	466
Total all sales at retail	20,744	21,284	1,761	1,785	1,811	2,017	1,533	1,570	1,889	1,903	2,016	2,079	2,120	2,189	2,113
Retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Area and counties ¹¹ (\$1,000)															
MSAs															
Annisston	423,025	431,787	37,040	38,000	36,261	40,978	30,585	31,503	38,013	38,205	39,878	43,188	50,369	51,904	49,235
Birmingham	5,494,855	5,607,320	466,273	468,593	474,170	535,365	407,612	416,465	508,121	514,189	536,329	555,849	563,748	596,551	598,791
Dothan	556,594	478,720	33,180	32,420	33,616	35,395	31,901	31,589	37,482	38,048	42,026	44,750	55,328	54,158	54,222
Florence	436,613	631,540	70,654	69,873	73,725	79,708	64,046	65,760	77,023	76,972	87,272	93,812	111,105	121,028	116,236
Huntsville	1,260,399	1,705,007	168,920	175,530	175,690	198,821	162,619	158,271	189,122	195,216	209,563	219,575	260,118	266,152	220,194
Mobile	2,233,905	1,685,619	100,721	101,461	105,418	117,205	90,905	94,165	110,856	115,055	123,074	129,046	147,047	155,686	145,252
Montgomery	1,194,774	879,373	47,185	47,602	47,404	53,034	43,285	41,589	49,621	51,174	52,837	57,549	63,796	68,815	65,707
Tuscaloosa	546,744	538,292	44,127	44,275	44,854	50,621	40,690	40,078	48,564	51,046	52,729	54,758	64,904	67,963	58,852
Counties															
Autauga	107,817	107,927	9,241	8,603	8,868	9,364	7,820	8,284	9,694	9,981	10,339	10,986	10,026	9,763	8,125
Baldwin	374,226	366,715	28,204	28,656	27,634	29,025	25,356	26,516	31,844	32,677	37,092	39,406	48,968	48,968	33,562
Barbour	65,935	62,778	4,778	5,426	5,474	5,470	4,481	4,545	5,133	5,493	6,561	5,657	7,004	6,853	6,403
Bibb	27,206	27,761	2,220	2,372	2,306	2,944	2,134	1,968	2,306	2,381	2,466	2,641	4,016	4,120	3,670
Blount	83,509	80,384	6,654	6,494	6,292	6,778	5,994	5,951	6,873	7,086	7,563	7,553	8,712	9,196	9,071
Bullock	30,211	59,766	5,878	5,925	5,604	6,349	5,980	5,761	2,346	2,873	2,715	2,810	3,178	2,827	2,886
Butler	65,054	61,385	4,862	5,262	5,162	5,976	4,913	4,716	5,289	5,364	5,922	6,017	7,557	7,576	7,107
Calhoun	423,025	431,787	37,040	38,000	36,261	40,978	30,585	31,503	38,013	38,205	39,878	43,188	50,369	51,904	49,235
Chambers	94,277	91,694	7,690	7,851	7,896	8,054	7,121	6,980	8,411	8,579	9,081	9,258	11,963	11,746	11,389
Cherokee	55,069	55,015	5,075	5,586	5,147	4,784	3,791	4,018	4,586	4,797	4,987	5,450	6,364	5,152	4,907
Chilton	85,151	92,523	7,522	7,839	7,626	7,677	6,857	6,658	8,411	9,334	9,563	9,818	11,064	11,078	10,210
Choctaw	49,651	50,695	4,189	4,433	4,191	4,464	3,902	3,592	4,141	4,324	4,392	4,106	4,685	4,547	4,223
Clarke	90,980	89,267	6,996	7,635	7,504	8,101	6,864	6,684	7,796	8,463	8,494	8,571	10,571	10,066	8,511
Clay	26,767	26,956	2,296	2,315	2,220	2,525	2,041	2,004	2,185	2,433	2,072	2,232	2,636	2,751	2,245
Cleburne	22,776	24,342	1,878	2,148	2,293	2,290	2,013	1,982	2,398	2,566	2,587	2,671	2,630	2,448	2,526
Coffee	139,979	142,532	11,416	12,549	12,033	12,842	10,961	11,476	13,642	13,968	15,283	15,111	18,171	18,207	16,996

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982				1983								
	1981	1982	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	285,137	296,569	25,282	24,863	24,833	25,568	21,822	21,916	25,857	28,078	27,840	29,752	32,979	34,574	33,124
Conecuh	37,804	34,109	2,767	2,886	2,850	2,886	2,310	2,632	2,968	3,327	3,447	3,364	4,282	4,393	3,852
Coosa	22,333	20,855	1,754	1,946	1,822	1,646	1,500	1,577	1,725	1,534	1,854	1,834	1,980	2,036	1,799
Covington	136,198	140,600	11,740	11,860	10,819	12,200	9,874	10,147	12,340	13,201	13,890	14,065	15,438	15,980	14,806
Crenshaw	33,792	32,419	2,589	2,675	2,685	2,636	2,407	2,622	2,837	3,214	3,289	3,430	3,451	3,405	3,170
Cullman	253,646	248,888	20,779	21,356	20,483	20,836	18,638	17,236	21,491	23,443	23,959	25,646	28,251	28,440	26,802
Dale	93,394	97,446	7,891	7,977	7,636	8,814	7,170	6,942	8,289	8,851	9,810	9,795	11,294	11,441	10,079
Dallas	210,054	188,352	15,656	16,002	15,378	16,686	12,964	12,973	15,508	16,700	18,393	19,081	22,283	23,385	20,494
DeKalb	169,062	171,831	14,543	15,072	14,066	15,216	11,959	12,004	14,442	15,427	16,703	17,780	20,033	20,153	18,693
Elmore	87,830	82,282	6,549	6,927	6,504	6,985	6,890	6,260	6,853	7,267	7,751	7,747	10,666	10,392	9,277
Escambia	138,098	133,511	10,953	11,212	11,943	12,888	10,210	12,646	12,703	13,663	14,031	15,286	15,566	14,386	14,386
Etowah	436,613	395,888	33,189	32,420	33,616	35,395	31,901	31,589	37,482	38,048	42,026	44,750	55,328	58,158	54,222
Fayette	87,645	85,349	7,623	6,493	6,668	8,235	6,419	6,144	7,627	7,436	7,809	8,014	7,241	7,451	6,989
Franklin	92,420	88,033	7,178	7,581	7,130	7,551	6,023	6,209	7,618	8,361	9,067	9,285	11,193	10,659	10,490
Geneva	134,459	146,372	12,373	12,481	12,582	13,053	12,536	11,895	12,448	13,497	18,532	17,552	14,092	14,417	13,524
Greene	22,753	21,917	1,766	1,879	1,885	1,939	1,412	1,396	1,803	1,722	2,254	2,165	2,334	2,027	2,034
Hale	36,129	35,115	3,020	3,105	2,828	3,191	2,409	2,631	2,968	3,182	3,330	3,848	4,211	3,953	4,053
Houston	442,988	430,944	36,236	36,298	37,218	41,807	33,510	33,236	40,275	42,195	42,919	44,963	53,610	56,522	48,773
Jackson	154,603	147,971	12,097	12,641	11,341	12,531	9,452	10,588	12,855	12,590	13,900	15,019	17,404	17,807	16,597
Jefferson	4,861,688	4,914,513	406,251	408,333	414,843	472,004	352,252	361,354	441,173	443,486	460,942	479,580	479,267	513,560	516,391
Lamar	37,002	37,354	2,755	3,018	2,870	4,159	2,847	2,568	3,025	3,269	3,664	3,610	3,782	4,116	3,951
Lauderdale	271,457	274,888	22,402	21,924	23,846	30,688	19,045	20,023	25,297	26,297	26,973	27,891	37,325	38,129	40,592
Lawrence	63,483	64,612	5,295	5,213	5,398	5,579	4,852	4,238	5,382	5,907	6,454	7,014	7,893	7,468	6,833
Lee	308,421	291,626	26,168	24,571	24,629	26,086	20,929	22,550	26,929	27,130	29,445	30,856	33,933	35,372	35,761
Limestone	147,969	148,123	12,141	12,801	12,477	13,282	10,344	10,371	13,412	13,854	14,031	15,399	18,290	18,202	17,450
Lowndes	23,213	23,153	1,979	2,038	1,893	2,037	1,622	1,567	1,780	1,997	2,128	1,847	2,204	2,096	1,853
Macon	45,438	42,695	3,604	3,418	3,200	3,138	2,882	3,060	3,494	3,957	4,342	4,452	5,580	5,285	4,761
Madison	838,433	859,667	70,654	69,873	73,725	79,708	64,046	65,790	77,023	76,972	87,272	93,812	111,105	121,028	118,233
Marion	85,699	87,042	6,911	6,920	8,096	8,862	6,324	6,212	8,084	8,705	7,059	6,554	8,842	8,975	7,458
Marion	68,640	69,720	5,839	6,184	5,750	6,441	5,540	5,129	6,255	6,829	7,422	7,699	9,420	9,108	9,488
Marshall	273,997	267,961	21,925	22,330	21,612	24,348	19,349	20,189	24,855	26,811	29,027	29,423	35,785	37,887	36,065
Mobile	1,859,679	1,764,928	140,716	146,668	148,056	169,796	137,263	132,755	157,278	162,539	172,481	180,351	211,150	217,293	186,633
Monroe	94,613	103,747	9,902	10,467	11,375	8,675	7,364	7,834	9,403	9,944	10,210	10,359	11,160	12,464	12,111
Montgomery	999,127	1,034,457	84,931	85,931	90,046	100,836	77,395	79,621	94,309	98,007	104,984	110,313	126,355	135,531	127,850
Morgan	480,257	476,556	38,963	36,375	36,667	41,830	34,194	35,572	46,780	47,195	52,760	48,788	54,146	58,346	56,301
Perry	30,104	28,382	2,449	2,433	2,315	2,375	1,949	1,974	2,163	2,431	2,554	2,433	2,587	2,814	2,819
Pickens	55,550	51,737	4,135	4,339	4,380	4,713	3,836	3,557	4,440	5,119	5,574	5,223	5,757	5,443	4,828
Pike	88,946	83,788	6,839	7,648	6,672	7,230	5,631	6,066	7,687	8,559	9,536	9,704	10,742	10,844	9,482
Randolph	55,212	54,925	4,575	4,642	4,769	5,473	4,376	4,483	5,396	5,139	5,397	5,248	5,808	5,797	5,999
Russell	92,012	95,494	8,244	7,812	7,780	8,843	6,991	7,378	8,713	9,235	9,910	10,052	11,720	12,599	11,222
St. Clair	105,105	105,453	8,929	8,653	8,825	9,141	8,237	9,111	11,023	12,339	13,493	14,144	15,714	14,968	13,763
Shelby	262,248	261,472	22,379	22,076	21,559	22,598	19,313	18,476	24,021	26,070	27,655	28,841	28,149	27,212	26,688
Sumter	35,672	34,465	2,750	2,963	2,551	3,183	2,474	2,552	2,844	3,017	3,077	3,170	3,367	3,454	3,213
Talladega	227,798	219,173	17,468	17,433	17,778	19,303	16,906	16,114	19,218	19,381	22,851	21,493	26,023	25,377	23,792
Tallapoosa	125,921	122,749	10,194	10,848	10,422	11,435	9,348	9,634	11,180	12,074	12,715	13,274	14,408	14,228	14,744
Tuscaloosa	546,744	552,075	47,185	47,602	47,404	53,034	43,285	41,589	49,621	51,174	52,837	57,549	63,796	68,815	65,707
Walker	265,814	266,943	23,060	23,037	22,951	24,644	21,816	21,573	25,031	25,716	27,153	28,731	33,906	33,618	32,878
Washington	32,035	29,920	2,424	2,437	2,372	2,440	2,215	2,029	2,688	2,253	2,410	2,289	2,295	2,327	2,204
Wilcox	33,877	35,627	2,989	3,182	2,910	3,095	2,586	2,727	3,121	3,108	3,183	3,151	3,434	3,505	3,148
Winston	65,605	64,854	5,256	5,259	5,157	5,263	4,440	4,495	5,502	5,864	6,102	6,680	7,543	8,070	7,143
Statewide ¹	3,600,377	4,186,052	349,982	358,517	376,659	428,413	271,209	298,816	356,512	326,657	339,748	341,723	488,221	514,019	466,611
BUILDING ACTIVITY ²															
Alabama total															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	832,986	712,696	81,540	49,361	49,714	68,161	53,990	51,306	84,232	72,068	108,222	72,677	93,959	120,569	96,165
Residential	295,838	237,082	30,441	21,960	18,975	18,021	25,652	25,793	43,724	40,009	47,803	32,006	39,580	47,066	34,833
Nonresidential	280,294	300,343	22,117	14,269	19,385	40,757	16,128	16,272	20,153	17,120	34,301	20,565	28,714	35,834	29,816
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	8,062	5,965	478	469	362	422	439	445	674	791	850	905	826	895	794
Residential	3,089	2,700	219	239	250	239	289	271	417	312	341	346	306	309	263
Nonresidential	1,819	442								112	96	112	92	124	106
Birmingham															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	152,970	109,048	11,114	4,789	6,510	28,748	10,220	2,369	11,394	5,671	23,569	8,012	7,729	14,059	30,767
Residential	31,815	13,918	1,525	1,044	565	845	495	690	7,607	977	9,643	1,221	1,378	1,317	2,529
Nonresidential	34,576	61,839	5,917	820	2,628	27,027	7,013	1,133	1,580	1,098	2,177	1,911	1,855	7,416	12,498
Decatur															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	18,046	8,551	748	767	652	716	648	1,826	1,129	1,073	1,154	1,235	1,167	1,367	1,424
Residential	6,447	2,937	208	191	190	170	230	152	307	713	722	770	741	918	966
Nonresidential	10,157	3,812	329	383	285	388	272	70	603	123	163	177	150	155	156
Dothan															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	17,578	28,821	456	944											

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982				1983								
	1981	1982	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
BUILDING ACTIVITY—CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	49,867	52,352	6,701	2,036	4,017	2,861	4,067	3,297	7,692	10,648	7,877	6,777	6,275	6,829	6,315
Residential	14,560	15,363	3,792	1,117	1,607	1,363	2,492	2,061	4,125	4,797	3,407	2,568	2,473	2,354	2,081
Nonresidential	16,266	22,178	174	531	1,815	960	487	489	1,940	5,301	3,265	2,542	2,205	2,762	2,652
Quad-Cities^{1,2}															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	29,011	18,563	1,425	2,333	1,238	781	796	858	977	718	1,247	1,244	1,612	1,361	1,250
Residential	11,429	7,481	571	912	1,027	780	668	502	711	341	451	640	473	513	623
Nonresidential	8,453	5,722	61	1,141	3	—	56	340	45	246	176	261	737	706	380
Selma															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	4,546	2,757	364	1,158	72	25	248	1,049	105	184	635	115	336	103	901
Residential	1,027	987	100	200	25	—	8	—	25	63	125	30	—	20	—
Nonresidential	1,029	1,730	127	871	10	6	—	18	22	19	384	10	275	20	18
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	17,343	21,418	2,990	1,351	1,023	771	2,323	1,869	3,672	1,458	3,023	3,600	2,862	3,340	3,777
Residential	4,956	6,592	211	591	301	427	590	1,402	2,697	850	1,674	1,205	2,338	1,194	1,378
Nonresidential	6,617	8,408	2,224	336	41	135	1,509	206	84	187	424	569	187	1,221	711

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. ¹Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data. ²Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data. ³These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of F. W. Dodge Div., McGraw-Hill Information Co. ⁴End-of-month balance. ⁵Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition. ⁶These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data. ⁷Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. Annual data are monthly averages. All 1982 data are adjusted to a March 1982 benchmark; all 1981 data are adjusted to a 1981 benchmark. ⁸Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations. ⁹Excludes sales to federal government. ¹⁰These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of R. L. Polk and Company. ¹¹Retail sales data represent sales at retail as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1977 are not available for the new series. Birmingham and Huntsville MSA sales data after June 1983 are not directly comparable with earlier data because county designations were changed. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total. ¹²Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census; the sum of monthly figures may not equal annual total. "Total" construction includes additions and alterations, therefore, is not a sum of residential and nonresidential. ¹³Quad-Cities consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Changes to Alabama Business Data Tables Reviewed

Readers should note that several changes in the items presented in *Alabama Business's* data tables have occurred since our last appearance. In some cases these changes resulted because items were no longer available or had lost economic importance, while others were changed in order to present a more complete picture of Alabama's economy.

A summary of the changes follows:

—Under the Industrial heading, cement shipments, coke production, pig iron production, steel ingot production, and the steel ingot production index were deleted. Natural gas production was added.

—Under the Financial heading, life insurance sales

was deleted. Oil and gas tax and oil production privilege tax were added.

—Under the Trade heading, Dothan was added to the Metropolitan Statistical Areas for which retail sales are reported. Note other changes in the MSAs enumerated on Page 2 which will affect retail trade reports.

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The Economy in Perspective

Alabama: Recession, Recovery and Structural Changes

By the end of the third quarter of 1983, there were strong signs indicating a recovery was under way in Alabama. The 1983 unemployment rate declined steadily from the peak of 16.7 percent in January to 12.1 percent in September. Total employment in the first nine months of 1983 bounced back from the same period in 1982. In the third quarter of 1983, employment averaged 1,529,000 as compared to 1,471,700 in the same period of 1982, a 3.9 percent increase. Beginning in December 1982, initial unemployment benefits claims began to decline over the same month in the prior year.

The eight metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) in Alabama (as defined prior to July 1983) accounted for 61.7 percent of the total labor force in August 1983. These are the "economic centers" of the state. Among the state's MSAs, Huntsville MSA had the lowest unemployment rate in August 1983 (8.9 percent) and Florence and Gadsden MSAs had the highest (15.6 percent and 15.0 percent respectively.) The latter two MSAs reflect the economic drawback of communities depending too heavily on one company (the Ford Aluminum plant for Florence and the Republic Steel plant for Gadsden). From August 1982 to August 1983, total employment in Alabama increased by 63,400. The eight MSAs accounted for 56.88 percent of this increase. Huntsville is the only MSA which experienced an employment increase throughout the latest recession, from 129,150 in 1979 to 131,760 in 1982.

There is also clear evidence that construction activity is on the increase. The number as well as the value of building permits in 1983 has increased substantially over 1982 levels. The number of permits issued for May-July 1983 was 4,917, reflecting a 114 percent increase from the number of permits issued in the same period last year. Permit values increased from \$195 million to \$274 million.

The new-car registration figures reflect stronger consumer confidence after November 1982 when the rate of change as compared with the same month in the prior year turned consistently upward. The pickup in consumer spending is also confirmed by state sales tax collections. In the first nine months of 1983, sales tax receipts increased by 5.5 percent from the same period in 1982.

During the inter-recession years, the employment share of the Alabama manufacturing sector changed from 28.2 percent

of total employment in 1976 to 27.5 percent in 1979. As a result of the recession, this share declined further to 25.4 percent by August 1983. The employment shares of the subsectors durable and nondurable goods manufacturing changed from 12.9 percent and 15.3 percent respectively in 1976 to 13.7 percent and 13.8 percent respectively in 1979 and to 11.8 percent and 13.7 percent respectively by August 1983. Within durable manufacturing, the once dominant primary metal, blast furnace and basic steel producers, iron and steel foundries, and fabricated metal industries lost their combined employment shares from 8.0 percent in 1976 to 7.4 percent in 1979 and then to 4.8 percent by August 1983.

From the last quarter of 1979 to the last quarter of 1982 (the bottom of the recession), Alabama experienced a loss of 54,300 wage and salary jobs. The breakdown of the loss for durable and nondurable manufacturing industries was 29,900 and 8,500 respectively. Within the durable sector, the primary metal and lumber and wood products industries suffered the most; 18,500 and 3,400 jobs lost respectively. Within the nondurable sector, textile and chemical industries suffered the most; 5,500 and 3,300 jobs lost respectively. However, the apparel, paper, and printing and publishing sectors actually gained employment; 2,800 in total.

While the dwindling share of manufacturing employment reflects the decline in traditional industries such as steel and textiles, the change of the composition of manufacturing employment highlights the rise of high-technology industries. It is generally agreed that the following industries can be considered as high technology: chemicals (SIC 28), machinery except electrical (SIC 35), electrical and electronic machinery (SIC 36), transportation equipment (SIC 37), and instruments and related products (SIC 38). These high-tech industries provided 38.3 percent of all U.S. manufacturing jobs in 1975 and 41.4 percent in 1982. In Alabama, their share of manufacturing jobs increased from 17.0 percent in 1975 to 21.4 percent in 1982. While the share of high-tech industries increased throughout the recession, efforts should be made to further increase their predominance in Alabama.

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Appalachia in Alabama

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A common mental image of Appalachia is of an area containing rugged terrain, great poverty, land erosion and flooding, an unstable mining economy, poor farm land, polluted streams, poor health care, high illiteracy, a high proportion of the very young and the very old, poor housing, and little hope for the future. Thankfully, the truth of this image is changing. During the 1960s and 1970s great progress was made toward bringing Appalachia up to the economic condition of most of the rest of the nation. Alabama has great interest in seeing Appalachian improvement because thirty-five of Alabama's sixty-seven counties are considered to be in that region. Appalachian Alabama includes Pickens, Tuscaloosa, Bibb, Chilton, Elmore, Tallapoosa, and Chambers counties and all counties north of that border.

Although Appalachian conditions have improved, still the picture is bleak for some counties. Unemployment has continued at a very high rate. The Alabama unemployment rate for 1982 was 14.4 percent, compared to the national average of 9.7 percent, yet twenty-one of the thirty-five Appalachian counties had unemployment rates higher than the state average. Two counties in 1982 had unemployment rates greater than 22.0 percent.

Income has also persisted below the national average and even below the state average. In 1981 per capita personal income for Alabama averaged \$8,217. Still, twenty-nine of the thirty-five Appalachian counties had per capita income averages below the Alabama average. The situation has improved, however, through time. In 1960 twenty-one of the thirty-five counties had poverty rates twice the national average. In 1980 only one Appalachian Alabama fell into that category.

Appalachia magazine reports that the traditional view of the work force in Appalachia is:

- fewer women in the work force than the national average
- less well-educated workers
- fewer skilled and technical workers.

This scenario is also changing but not as completely as would be desirable. Appalachia has had a greater illiteracy rate than the national average and is not expected to close that gap completely during the 1980s. Madison County, containing Huntsville, currently is the county with the highest educational attainment level. Seventy percent of its citizens over 25 are at least high school graduates and 21.4 percent have four or more years of college. Madison County is counterbalanced by Cleburne County, where only 38.3 percent of the people over 25 have finished high school.

In general, the counties containing urban areas, including Madison, Morgan, Lauderdale, Calhoun, Etowah, Jefferson, and Tuscaloosa, have higher levels of education, more money per capita, better health care facilities, and more miles of highway. Appalachian Alabama is more accurately represented by its rural rather than its urban characteristics. *Appalachia* magazine reports, "Assuming adequate continued public and private investments to make small towns and rural Appalachia competitive with similar areas outside the Region, the small town-rural appeal of Appalachia will be a plus for the Region into the foreseeable future. Demographers point out that the movement of jobs and people to small towns and rural areas has been sustained in the United States and other countries and is likely to continue. Offsetting factors limiting rural growth might be the leveling off of coal production in Appalachia and shift in employment from manufacturing to service, trade, finance, and other jobs generally located in more urban settings." The 1980 Census defined "urban" and "rural" and classified the population into one category or the

other. Alabama is 60 percent urban and 40 percent rural. However, in Appalachian Alabama all counties, except the ones mentioned above, have more than 40 percent of their populace living in rural areas.

The appeal of small towns and country dwellings has been offset in the past by transportation difficulties. During the past two decades great progress has been made in completing the Interstate Highway System. Other highways have also been built so that all counties now have transportation facilities to end the isolation and inaccessibility traditional to Appalachia. However, *Appalachia* magazine notes that infrastructure costs in the Region will continue to be higher than the rest of the nation due to adverse topography and scattered population patterns.

Alabama's industrial mix is largely predicated on heavy industry, which is particularly vulnerable to economic swings. The recent recession hurt Appalachian Alabama more painfully than many areas of the country. The coal and steel industries of the state are located in the Region and have suffered the brunt of the economic downswing. *Appalachia* magazine further concludes that "foreign competition has eroded the direct national and international market for a number of key Appalachian industries and the market for the automobile and other industries using the products of the Region's basic industries. Some mature Appalachian industries like textiles are becoming more competitive through technological improvements, but their increased production is sometimes achieved with fewer employees."

Economic growth in the area will depend upon several factors. Retraining and educating the labor force in basic skills to meet job requirements in restructured manufacturing industries as well as in new service and high technology manufacturing industries is important. The recent re-employment assistance program for 1,000 workers in Sheffield sponsored by the State of Alabama, Ford Motor Company, and the United Auto Workers Union in the wake of the closing of the Ford plant there is an example of such an innovative approach to retraining. Another important factor in establishing economic growth is the retention of basic manufacturing industries and other existing enterprises by helping them build and maintain strong competitive positions in domestic and foreign markets. The cooperative agreement between the University of Alabama and the G.M. Rochester Products Division in Tuscaloosa as well as the similar agreement between the University and Stockham Valves in Birmingham are positive examples of attempts at such retention. Other economic growth factors *Appalachia* details are:

- development of new enterprises, especially those in service and other fast-growing industries
- accelerated efforts to maintain the competitive position of the Region's coal, wood, and other resources
- assurance that adequate infrastructure and public services will be provided to support industry and a decent quality of life.

The most recent buzzword in industrial development is "high tech." Appalachian Alabama has the state's highest concentration of high tech industries in Huntsville. This kind of industry should be encouraged for other Appalachian Alabama locations, with the understanding that high tech is not a panacea. The number of new jobs created by high tech industries is expected to be relatively small in comparison to jobs in manufacturing and other industries. Many high tech industries are highly automated, rather than labor-intensive.

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1982			1981									
	1981	1982	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production (1,000 net tons)	24,467	25,869	2,256	2,032	1,664	1,965	1,858	1,914	2,017	1,907	1,759	1,667	2,004	1,937	2,150
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	126,886	133,892	10,223	11,258	11,580	12,165	10,832	11,423	11,429	10,399	10,301	10,189	10,541	9,028	10,409
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	331,792	320,808	28,749	27,632	26,680	25,851	29,560	33,442	29,988	31,724	32,494	24,507	33,557	31,394	29,904
Crude oil and condensate production (1,000 barrels)	20,669	20,011	1,498	1,714	1,702	1,732	1,511	1,603	1,561	1,564	1,525	1,596	1,592	1,435	1,522
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh.)	25,907	21,431	1,707	1,659	1,499	1,571	1,649	1,621	1,702	1,753	1,797	1,756	1,963	1,892	1,818
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	5,153	5,419	478	462	406	484	424	517	506	556	554	561	505	511	559
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined (\$1,000)	1,880,000	2,012,200	183,000	159,500	170,400	139,500	144,900	253,800	225,500	293,500	327,100	160,400	219,900	242,200	278,600
Residential	289,300	347,000	86,000	83,400	59,100	74,700	70,600	104,500	107,700	123,400	125,700	100,500	101,300	162,200	138,100
Nonresidential	659,700	660,200	45,600	54,100	45,800	47,600	56,000	93,000	74,400	128,000	111,900	45,300	73,300	45,400	108,000
Public works and utilities	354,100	305,100	51,300	22,200	65,500	17,100	18,500	56,400	43,100	41,700	89,300	14,700	45,400	34,400	32,700
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	988	928	86	73	71	60	62	92	85	85	116	102	116	101	108
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations* (\$1,000,000)	4,451	4,598	4,587	4,547	4,598	4,668	4,724	4,830	4,951	4,993	5,063	5,096	5,123	5,158	5,191
Tax collections (\$1,000)	2,081,208	2,112,332	178,990	174,617	154,150	177,787	174,477	189,042	192,932	218,607	189,144	173,150	191,429	219,553	186,326
Total	48,167	52,016	4,318	2,255	1,492	443	861	15,688	7,306	1,145	2,777	7,524	2,253	7,300	4,430
Franchise	201,271	197,894	16,229	16,293	15,907	17,274	15,813	14,001	17,681	16,303	17,158	17,252	17,182	17,874	16,536
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	772,011	765,160	54,510	71,940	49,032	45,667	79,861	76,745	49,511	108,634	80,633	36,785	81,341	81,667	38,160
Income	40,470	41,505	3,827	5,149	3,448	2,967	3,658	3,049	3,763	3,901	3,136	3,206	4,195	3,383	4,189
Motor fuels	42,074	36,891	3,114	2,805	2,953	4,238	2,964	4,871	5,691	6,447	6,193	5,131	5,298	5,168	5,106
Oil gas privilege	19,254	18,510	1,520	1,401	1,468	1,504	1,485	1,808	1,362	1,823	1,541	1,319	1,319	1,311	1,314
Oil gas production	543,673	562,208	45,920	46,451	49,258	56,835	43,331	44,491	48,128	52,546	52,347	51,650	52,961	51,526	51,888
Sales	39,527	44,104	10,724	130	35	10,560	135	147	10,636	110	48	10,738	61	3,548	10,134
2-2% Gross receipts	29,317	35,999	5,661	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	5,661	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,911	2,867
TVA electric	70,384	70,885	5,933	5,698	5,849	6,864	4,692	4,881	5,411	5,599	6,536	6,035	5,426	5,906	6,030
Tobacco	66,247	67,876	14,218	1,372	1,017	14,086	2,039	960	14,062	1,239	816	14,707	1,097	643	15,021
Use	123,790	134,597	10,695	10,123	16,079	12,180	12,368	13,717	12,152	11,461	10,751	10,617	11,747	12,838	22,053
Utility															
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All items	272.3	288.8	293.6	293.2	292.0	293.1	293.2	293.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6
Food	274.6	285.7	287.0	286.4	286.5	288.1	289.0	290.5	291.9	292.4	292.0	292.0	292.2	292.6	292.9
Housing	293.5	314.7	320.7	319.0	316.3	317.9	318.5	318.6	320.3	321.8	323.1	324.5	324.8	326.4	326.8
Fuel and utilities	319.2	350.8	363.4	362.2	364.1	365.4	364.6	363.8	363.6	369.3	373.6	375.5	375.1	376.4	374.4
Apparel and upkeep	186.9	191.8	195.5	195.4	193.6	191.0	192.0	194.5	195.5	196.1	195.6	195.0	197.3	200.4	200.7
Transportation	280.0	291.5	295.5	295.8	294.8	293.0	289.9	287.4	292.3	296.2	298.3	300.4	302.4	303.7	305.0
Medical care	294.5	328.7	338.7	342.2	344.3	347.8	351.3	352.3	353.5	354.3	355.4	356.0	360.0	361.2	362.9
Energy	410.0	416.0	425.0	422.6	419.9	414.5	406.7	399.9	410.0	421.3	427.3	430.1	429.8	429.3	425.1
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	293.3	299.3	299.8	300.3	300.7	299.9	300.9	300.6	300.6	301.5	302.4	303.2	304.9	305.3	306.3
Industrial commodities	304.0	312.3	314.3	315.0	315.2	313.9	313.9	313.5	312.4	313.6	315.3	316.6	317.5	317.2	318.7
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers (1977 = 100)	124.3	115.5	111.0	112.0	110.0	114.0	118.0	117.0	117.0	120.0	119.0	122.0	126.0	126.0	124.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = \$1,000)															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	367	346	341	341	342	341	341	341	338	337	335	334	333	331	330
Wholesale prices	341	334	334	333	333	333	332	333	333	332	331	330	328	328	326
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,660.0	1,713.0	1,752.3	1,737.9	1,720.2	1,731.5	1,740.4	1,739.8	1,732.7	1,729.4	1,732.2	1,758.3	1,746.2	1,745.3	1,769.2
Unemployment	178.0	247.0	267.8	266.1	266.9	289.9	284.1	261.9	236.6	225.0	222.2	232.0	214.3	214.5	218.3
Unemployment rate	10.7	14.4	15.3	15.4	15.5	16.7	16.3	15.1	13.7	13.0	12.8	13.4	12.3	12.3	12.3
Employment	1,482.0	1,466.0	1,484.5	1,469.8	1,453.3	1,441.6	1,478.5	1,477.9	1,496.1	1,504.4	1,510.0	1,526.3	1,531.9	1,530.8	1,550.9
Nonagricultural	1,347.0	1,315.0	1,309.8	1,312.3	1,310.1	1,301.6	1,302.3	1,303.9	1,309.6	1,312.5	1,319.4	1,319.2	1,311.6	1,314.3	1,319.1
Manufacturing	362.0	337.0	328.1	326.9	325.6	324.6	325.0	326.5	328.5	329.7	330.4	328.7	333.9	334.6	335.2
Durable goods	174.6	158.4	150.8	151.1	150.3	150.0	150.3	151.1	151.9	152.3	151.4	151.5	154.5	154.6	155.5
Lumber and wood products	27.2	25.3	25.1	25.5	25.7	25.7	25.7	25.9	26.0	26.3	26.6	26.6	26.7	26.9	26.7
Stone, clay, glass products	9.6	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.7
Primary metals	36.6	29.4	24.7	25.0	24.5	24.7	24.7	24.4	24.8	24.6	24.6	24.1	24.7	24.3	24.5
Blast furn. and steel works	13.5	8.8	5.3	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.1	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.4
Iron and steel foundries	12.4	11.4	10.7	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.4	10.3	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.7	10.7	10.7
Fabricated metals	25.8	23.0	22.5	22.6	22.3	22.1	21.7	22.2	22.1	22.2	22.0	22.2	22.5	22.6	22.8
Machinery (incl. electrical)	34.7	33.7	32.8	32.6	32.4	32.4	32.6	32.8	33.1	33.2	33.4	33.5	33.9	33.9	33.9
Transportation	23.7	22.4	21.1	21.0	21.2	21.1	21.3	21.8	21.6	21.4	20.0	20.2	21.8	21.9	22.5
Other durable goods	16.9	16.0	16.0	16.0	15.9	15.8	15.8	15.5	15.8	16.0	16.2	16.2	16.1	16.3	16.4
Nondurable goods	187.4	178.6	177.3	175.8	175.3	174.6	174.7	175.4	176.6	177.4	179.0	175.2	179.4	180.0	179.7
Food	27.9	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.5	26.6	26.3	26.3	26.4	26.4	26.6	26.6	26.7	26.7	26.8
Textile mill products	42.1	38.6	38.0	37.9	37.7	37.3	37.1	37.4	38.1	38.1	38.5	38.5	38.5	39.2	39.4
Apparel	54.7	53.2	53.3	52.8	52.9	52.9	53.6	53.6	53.7	54.3	54.8	53.1	54.7	55.3	54.8
Paper and allied products	20.8	20.9	20.8	20.5	20.8	20.5	20.1	20.5	20.5	20.7	21.2	21.2	21.5	20.9	20.7
Printing and publishing	10.1	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.1	10.2
Chemicals and allied products	14.5	13.1	12.5	12.4	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.7	11.7	11.4	11.7	11.7	11.7
Rubber products	14.7	13.5	13.4	12.8	12.9	13.3	13.3	13.2	13.5	13.6	13.6	13.6	13.8	13.8	13.8
Other nondurable goods	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982				1983									
	1981	1982	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.																
Other employment activity																
State Employment Service (number)																
Job applications	314,801	176,752	13,161	12,289	10,457	15,331	14,996	18,927	18,139	18,495	21,778	20,987	19,505	17,884		
Nonagricultural placements	77,868	66,900	4,626	3,961	3,342	4,253	4,469	6,039	7,233	6,942	10,753	15,126	10,484	7,499		
Unemployment compensation																
Initial benefit claims (number)	487,153	632,290	45,718	41,857	53,339	77,765	35,542	36,556	30,468	26,892	25,293	49,017	29,803	24,506		
Payments (\$1,000)	168,760	233,984	19,663	19,383	25,027	23,232	20,554	21,604	16,669	14,783	14,873	13,217	15,186	13,556		
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)																
Autauga	14,320	15,380	15,350	15,580	15,670	15,730	15,690	15,550	15,560	15,090	15,030	15,080	15,030	15,200	15,480	
Baldwin	9.3	14.7	17.1	18.6	19.1	19.4	18.0	16.5	16.2	13.2	12.9	12.0	11.3	12.3	12.5	
Barbour	32,980	33,640	33,300	33,660	33,880	34,080	34,080	34,000	33,750	33,700	34,010	34,790	34,140	33,790	34,650	
Bibb	7.7	12.0	12.6	13.2	14.1	14.3	14.1	12.7	11.5	11.4	10.5	11.6	10.8	11.5	11.5	
Blount	11,210	11,410	12,060	11,670	11,630	11,250	11,300	11,410	11,500	11,380	11,270	11,590	11,550	11,580	11,860	
Bullock	12.4	16.4	14.5	14.5	15.5	17.4	16.4	15.2	13.9	12.3	12.4	12.5	12.7	11.6	11.7	
Butler	5,410	5,640	5,680	5,600	5,710	5,880	5,840	5,860	5,750	5,670	5,720	5,750	5,240	5,550	5,600	
Calhoun	20.2	22.9	23.3	22.1	27.2	27.1	26.6	23.8	20.5	18.4	17.3	16.8	16.4	18.9	16.4	
Chambers	14,080	14,100	14,190	13,750	13,700	13,870	14,010	14,010	14,010	13,850	13,570	13,620	13,400	13,580	13,900	
Cherokee	11.9	19.7	20.7	20.4	21.8	23.0	21.3	18.9	17.5	17.2	17.2	17.6	15.2	15.3	14.9	
Chilton	4,470	4,310	4,720	4,600	4,440	4,110	4,140	4,160	4,240	4,360	4,360	4,510	4,510	4,670	4,820	
Choctaw	16.5	18.5	19.1	20.9	22.3	21.2	20.5	18.6	15.5	14.6	16.9	19.2	18.4	15.6	15.3	
Clarke	9,840	10,020	10,420	10,300	10,210	9,770	9,810	9,970	9,700	9,750	9,740	9,930	9,820	9,880	10,300	
Cleburne	13.0	20.1	19.3	21.6	22.4	21.9	21.1	21.2	17.2	16.5	16.7	16.5	15.3	14.3	16.0	
Colbert	45,000	45,810	46,290	45,740	46,110	45,900	46,570	46,560	45,800	45,870	46,230	46,920	46,850	46,420	47,190	
Conecuh	11.0	15.0	14.8	13.3	13.3	15.2	15.6	14.3	12.7	13.2	12.7	12.2	11.5	11.1	12.2	
Covington	15,920	16,170	15,770	15,800	15,840	16,500	16,400	16,360	16,360	16,330	16,600	16,920	16,820	16,470	16,880	
Crenshaw	7.5	11.4	11.5	11.6	11.9	12.8	11.4	10.1	9.2	9.0	9.5	10.6	9.4	8.1	9.3	
Cullman	11,520	11,300	12,490	12,540	11,930	10,930	10,820	10,810	11,180	11,340	11,050	10,710	10,550	11,390	11,620	
Dale	7.2	14.9	13.5	16.3	14.0	16.7	25.2	22.3	14.7	12.1	12.4	18.5	17.2	10.4	14.4	
Dallas	12,710	13,480	13,820	13,610	13,900	14,200	14,130	14,140	14,200	14,260	13,920	14,190	14,240	14,320	14,690	
Davie	14.7	15.6	17.3	17.9	19.4	20.0	18.6	16.1	14.5	13.9	12.6	11.9	11.7	11.9	11.7	
DeKalb	5,160	5,230	5,380	5,460	5,430	5,380	5,430	5,440	5,590	5,580	5,580	5,870	5,660	5,540	5,630	
Elmore	11.7	15.4	13.8	15.8	15.1	18.9	16.2	14.3	15.5	15.6	14.8	17.3	13.8	13.0	13.1	
Escambia	10,110	10,470	10,010	10,610	10,500	10,710	10,970	10,940	10,590	10,550	10,990	10,940	10,750	10,620	10,790	
Etowa	7,280	7,450	7,480	7,540	7,520	7,590	7,550	7,660	7,670	7,760	7,570	7,980	7,780	7,960	8,060	
Fayette	9.1	15.4	13.7	15.2	15.7	17.0	14.3	13.0	12.1	13.9	13.5	15.5	11.7	11.5	11.5	
Franklin	4,900	5,080	5,370	5,300	5,340	5,170	5,190	5,180	5,170	5,160	5,080	5,090	5,010	5,190	5,240	
Geneva	8.7	14.5	11.5	11.2	12.8	16.5	16.0	13.9	15.3	12.3	12.3	9.8	9.1	10.3	10.2	
Hale	19,050	19,490	18,830	18,230	18,220	20,160	20,370	20,310	20,320	20,560	20,220	20,480	20,600	20,810	20,960	
Henry	10.8	18.8	14.5	12.2	14.5	14.0	13.2	12.4	10.6	10.0	9.2	9.7	9.2	8.9	8.9	
Houston	23,110	23,540	23,180	23,150	23,660	23,980	24,160	24,310	24,010	23,620	23,540	23,960	23,910	23,770	24,110	
Jackson	14.6	19.0	17.6	17.7	19.7	22.1	21.9	21.1	19.5	17.5	16.7	17.3	16.6	16.5	16.5	
Jefferson	6,770	6,740	7,300	7,350	7,370	6,570	6,650	6,910	6,780	6,790	6,790	6,880	6,790	6,830	6,900	
Johnston	11.1	14.0	12.4	13.4	14.1	13.0	13.2	14.9	13.2	12.1	11.6	11.6	10.9	12.8	12.2	
Kemper	5,840	5,640	5,770	5,760	5,740	5,620	5,580	5,580	5,630	5,770	5,490	5,670	5,570	5,770	5,800	
Lamar	7.9	10.7	10.5	11.0	11.8	12.8	12.0	11.1	10.5	10.6	9.6	10.5	8.9	8.1	8.0	
Laurens	15,270	15,440	16,350	16,080	16,000	15,630	15,890	16,110	16,080	16,040	16,370	16,450	16,480	16,480	16,550	
Lawrence	10.4	13.7	13.4	12.6	12.7	14.6	14.5	12.9	11.6	10.7	10.0	14.3	12.2	11.5	10.9	
Lee	6,560	6,690	7,150	6,800	6,490	6,120	6,220	6,390	6,520	6,700	6,540	6,890	6,650	6,940	7,120	
Limestone	10.0	14.1	11.8	12.7	12.8	14.1	14.3	13.3	11.7	10.6	11.3	11.0	10.5	9.7	9.7	
Lowndes	26,650	27,480	28,670	28,090	28,150	27,790	28,600	28,380	28,420	28,500	27,940	28,360	28,030	28,660	29,430	
Madison	12.4	17.1	17.6	17.6	19.5	19.8	22.4	16.9	15.0	13.9	13.2	13.5	12.0	12.3	11.8	
Marion	12,130	12,290	12,510	12,540	12,690	12,800	12,980	12,920	12,970	12,930	12,610	12,900	12,710	12,650	13,070	
Marshall	12.0	13.2	13.5	14.3	16.0	16.9	16.2	14.8	13.9	12.9	12.5	13.3	12.2	11.9	12.6	
Martin	22,560	23,350	23,820	23,650	23,620	23,320	23,580	23,490	23,490	23,390	23,290	23,680	24,040	23,700	23,540	
Meigs	12.6	17.6	17.6	17.6	19.8	19.8	20.6	18.8	16.5	16.1	16.7	15.6	15.6	15.6	16.0	
Meriwether	27,250	28,450	28,800	28,650	28,580	29,020	29,090	29,190	29,550	29,470	29,580	30,610	30,420	30,080	30,450	
Milledgeville	10.3	13.4	12.9	14.0	15.0	17.0	16.1	14.7	13.9	12.5	12.6	13.7	11.5	12.3	13.7	
Monroe	19,300	20,280	19,660	19,600	19,460	19,830	20,060	20,370	20,210	20,280	20,250	20,240	20,270	20,120	20,410	
Morgan	9.4	13.1	12.9	12.9	12.3	14.0	13.7	14.3	13.2	13.2	13.0	11.7	11.5	10.9	10.9	
Newton	15,910	16,330	15,900	15,980	15,840	16,320	16,940	16,420	16,700	16,700	16,940	17,260	16,750	16,860	17,020	
Okfuskee	9.8	13.2	13.2	14.1	13.7	13.7	12.9	12.1	12.6	12.6	12.2	13.0	12.2	11.8	12.2	
Oktawilla	41,600	42,740	43,500	43,580	44,110	43,240	42,920	42,810	41,730	41,600	41,220	41,920	41,800	41,460	42,230	
Opaloka	13.0	20.5	21.8	22.4	23.1	23.9	22.8	21.8	18.0	16.4	15.9	16.1	15.0	14.5	15.0	
Ozark	10,010	9,880	10,340	10,400	10,280	9,920	10,120	10,080	10,140	10,040	10,120	10,180	10,220	10,390	10,580	
Peach	7.8	11.4	13.1	11.7	11.2	13.5	13.8	13.8	12.8	10.8	9.7	10.8	10.3	10.9	10.1	
Perry	12,390	13,350	12,930	13,000	13,280	13,680	13,680	13,720	13,810	13,780	14,180	14,700	14,430	14,330	14,620	
Pike	12.9	18.4	17.4	20.5	23.1	23.5	23.2	20.4	17.6	14.3	15.1	22.8	15.2	16.2	16.3	
Poinsett	10,930	10,910														

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982			1983									
	1981	1982	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rates)—continued															
Monroe	10,010	10,250	10,490	10,450	10,970	10,200	10,300	10,430	10,580	10,500	10,550	10,700	10,700	10,720	10,940
Montgomery	87,220	89,890	87,610	87,820	87,610	88,130	89,040	89,500	88,630	88,520	89,420	90,480	90,370	90,710	92,570
Morgan	36,610	37,400	37,620	37,910	37,980	37,450	37,140	37,010	36,800	37,140	37,420	37,980	37,640	37,550	37,840
Perry	11,4	16,1	15,8	17,4	17,6	18,8	17,3	15,8	14,5	13,8	13,5	13,1	13,4	13,1	13,6
Pickens	5,140	5,290	5,640	5,540	5,570	5,630	5,580	5,680	5,660	5,800	5,860	5,920	5,910	5,890	5,980
Pike	7,670	7,620	7,640	7,600	7,580	7,640	7,730	7,940	7,910	7,990	7,900	7,970	7,780	7,800	7,900
Pike	15,9	19,6	17,3	17,1	18,3	17,3	17,6	19,2	20,2	19,3	18,1	16,1	14,7	14,2	14,7
Randolph	13,230	13,230	13,950	13,750	13,400	13,520	13,720	13,740	13,760	13,960	13,760	13,920	13,820	14,070	14,580
Randolph	10,0	13,4	12,3	13,5	17,4	17,7	16,8	14,4	12,5	12,6	12,8	13,7	12,5	11,9	11,1
Russell	9,110	9,670	9,830	9,720	9,460	9,360	9,120	8,700	8,750	8,640	8,420	9,040	8,550	8,470	8,980
Russell	10,8	21,8	23,6	24,7	24,9	25,7	22,5	18,7	17,2	18,0	16,8	24,1	16,4	13,6	13,1
St. Clair	17,310	18,050	17,670	17,970	17,980	18,090	18,090	17,920	17,500	17,480	17,730	17,980	18,010	17,690	17,970
St. Clair	12,2	16,7	16,9	17,7	17,0	17,9	17,5	15,9	14,0	13,6	11,8	12,0	11,2	12,2	12,5
Shelby	18,570	18,970	18,430	18,770	18,990	19,410	19,620	19,560	19,230	18,970	18,770	18,870	18,870	18,970	19,120
Shelby	11,4	14,7	13,7	14,8	15,5	17,8	18,0	16,9	14,9	13,8	12,2	11,2	11,1	12,7	12,4
Sumter	29,150	29,910	29,430	29,560	30,490	30,260	30,230	30,210	29,820	30,100	29,810	30,340	30,360	30,190	30,650
Sumter	9,2	13,0	12,9	12,9	15,3	15,2	14,4	13,4	11,7	12,6	11,1	11,2	11,1	11,7	12,1
Talladega	6,820	6,970	7,130	7,100	7,160	7,150	7,150	7,250	7,240	7,340	7,410	7,470	7,350	7,280	7,460
Talladega	13,0	17,4	16,6	16,0	16,5	17,2	15,7	16,1	14,2	12,0	14,3	15,0	12,8	10,3	11,3
Tallapoosa	29,480	30,630	30,900	30,930	31,260	31,230	31,220	30,980	30,530	30,570	30,180	30,400	30,380	30,090	30,500
Tallapoosa	13,5	19,3	19,9	20,5	20,6	21,5	21,3	19,8	17,2	17,2	17,0	16,9	16,9	16,0	15,8
Tallapoosa	16,420	17,250	16,850	16,960	16,980	17,330	17,240	17,360	17,070	17,110	17,650	18,230	17,810	17,550	17,840
Tuscaloosa	8,4	13,3	11,6	12,3	11,8	13,7	12,4	13,6	10,2	11,1	11,0	13,9	10,9	9,5	10,4
Tuscaloosa	55,160	55,380	55,110	54,890	55,140	56,030	56,800	56,320	55,690	55,910	54,990	55,610	55,830	55,600	56,840
Walker	10,3	12,6	12,1	11,4	12,1	14,5	15,2	13,5	11,9	12,5	12,3	11,9	11,6	11,1	11,5
Walker	31,510	31,720	32,100	31,420	32,180	32,420	32,690	32,500	32,360	32,330	32,080	32,600	32,580	32,450	33,470
Washington	13,0	15,1	17,4	15,2	16,9	18,0	18,0	16,6	15,7	15,7	14,4	14,6	14,2	14,9	16,6
Washington	6,030	6,260	6,340	6,330	6,290	6,430	6,320	6,430	6,480	6,520	6,480	6,560	6,560	6,750	6,790
Wilcox	13,0	16,8	16,8	18,5	19,8	22,5	21,1	20,0	20,5	20,0	19,6	20,6	17,4	17,2	16,7
Winston	4,840	5,170	5,710	6,110	5,510	5,410	5,420	5,440	5,410	5,290	5,220	5,280	5,210	5,360	5,500
Winston	12,6	22,6	24,1	34,0	25,6	25,5	28,0	26,6	26,2	21,3	20,6	19,0	18,4	19,4	19,9
Winston	8,310	8,450	8,870	8,700	8,520	8,480	8,780	8,500	8,340	8,280	8,210	8,320	8,250	8,310	8,530
Winston	16,5	22,6	24,9	23,2	23,9	25,7	27,6	22,1	18,8	17,3	17,2	17,8	17,1	16,3	17,5
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value (\$1,000)	727,078	551,093	43,393	56,588	26,764	68,870	42,897	39,541	61,067	72,807	49,281	33,162	70,692	22,392	22,392
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	16,032	8,142	629	709	591	447	370	308	651	560	353	343	819	430	430
Exports															
Value (\$1,000)	1,430,730	1,222,158	86,681	122,662	99,164	78,730	80,453	68,176	81,973	60,503	71,690	51,007	33,212	51,981	51,981
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	14,210	14,577	1,046	1,241	1,289	1,133	1,057	757	1,061	898	1,150	610	344	524	524
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile ¹															
(1,000 tons)	37,649	39,655	3,401	3,259	3,030	3,030	2,695	2,574	3,193	3,051	3,268	2,560	3,013	2,812	2,948
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes															
(1,000,000 kwh)	22,713	22,680	1,799	1,616	1,762	1,995	1,998	1,668	1,650	1,490	1,678	2,149	2,571	2,547	1,798
Gasoline sales ² (1,000 gallons)															
New passenger car registrations ³ (number)	112,051	100,717	8,091	9,441	9,205	8,018	8,462	9,326	9,544	11,620	10,663	11,039	10,012	11,288	10,378
Retail sales by kind of business, state totals ⁴ (\$1,000,000)															
Food	3,580	3,634	313	302	324	291	290	309	323	330	343	359	341	328	328
General stores with food and gas	319	331	30	27	28	25	24	28	29	35	32	33	32	31	31
General merchandise	2,190	2,292	190	231	312	123	150	192	204	171	163	192	260	195	195
Apparel	486	499	41	43	69	33	32	46	45	44	42	47	47	47	47
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	527	534	43	45	55	40	41	49	49	53	56	57	60	57	57
Automotive	2,570	2,690	218	234	226	208	224	285	284	314	338	346	361	352	352
Gasoline service stations	1,384	1,342	114	109	106	93	88	101	101	116	120	123	124	119	119
Lumber and building materials	844	778	69	66	61	55	57	75	78	92	98	102	119	115	115
Hardware and farm implements	384	351	30	30	30	23	24	34	34	39	42	41	42	42	42
Eating places	1,043	1,112	97	92	98	82	87	101	99	104	104	110	111	106	106
Drug stores	458	536	42	42	50	36	45	46	47	48	42	45	47	45	45
All other retail	2,445	2,433	193	198	255	176	177	220	218	257	269	258	284	276	276
Total sales by retail concerns	16,230	16,531	1,381	1,420	1,616	1,185	1,238	1,486	1,521	1,602	1,650	1,707	1,769	1,714	1,714
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	4,514	4,749	402	390	400	346	330	402	379	415	428	400	417	442	442
Total all sales at retail	20,744	21,280	1,783	1,810	2,016	1,531	1,568	1,888	1,900	2,017	2,078	2,107	2,185	2,156	2,156
Retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties ⁵ (\$1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston	423,025	432,037	38,000	36,511	40,978	30,595	31,503	38,014	38,207	40,081	43,196	50,400	51,918	49,108	49,108
Birmingham	5,494,855	5,604,598	467,563	473,309	534,534	407,042	415,483	507,016	512,129	534,198	552,964	557,679	593,479	616,564	616,564
Dothan	586,594	571,705	46,787	48,926	56,257	40,867	41,940	51,168	54,389	54,854	57,684	70,409	73,320	70,376	70,376
Florence	436,613	395,868	32,420	33,616	35,385	31,901	31,589	37,482	38,048	42,053	44,799	55,508	58,558	55,749	55,749
Gadsden	1,260,399	1,064,631	69,871	71,780	79,708	64,051	65,760	77,023	76,972	87,490	90,780	111,498	117,833	116,333	116,333
Huntsville	2,233,905	2,131,641	175,536	175,690	198,821	162,621	158,271	189,502	195,203	209,378	219,859	260,500	267,518	242,464	242,464
Mobile	1,194,774	1,224,760	101,461	105,532	117,205	90,921	94,172	110,856	114,518	122,959	128,413	147,176	153,448	149,807	149,807
Montgomery	546,744	552,075	47,602	47,404	53,034	43,285	41,589	49,621	51,174	53,023	57,361	63,913	69,031	68,010	68,010
Counties															
Autauga	107,817	107,927	8,603	8,868	9,984	7,820	8,284	9,681	10,521	10,986	10,071	9,792	9,222	9,222	9,222
Baldwin	374,226	386,715	28,868	27,634	29,025	25,356	25,516	32,013	32,633	36,932	39,400	49,027	48,965	42,717	42,717
Barbour	65,935	62,778	5,426	5,474	5,470	4,481	4,545	5,157	5,496	6,571	5,698	7,023	6,906	6,862	6,862
Bibb	27,206	27,761	2,372	2,306	2,944	2,134	1,988	2,305	2,381	2,466	2,641	4,016	4,129	3,803	3,803
Blount	83,509	80,384	6,944	6,292	6,778	5,994	5,952	6,873	6,576	7,106	7,674	8,689	9,181	9,089	9,089
Bullock	30,211	59,766	5,925	5,604	6,349	5,980	5,761	2,446	2,873	2,715	2,810	3,188	2,841	3,029	3,029
Butler	65,054	61,385	5,262	5,162	5,976	4,913	4,716	5,809	5,364	5,924	6,019	7,567	7,506	7,361	7,361
Calhoun	42,025	432,037	38,000	36,511	40,978	30,595	31,503	38,014	38,207	40,081	43,196	50,400	51,918	49,108	49,108
Chambers															

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982				1983									
	1981	1982	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	
TRADE—CONTINUED																
Retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued																
Counties—continued																
Colbert	285,137	296,642	24,863	24,906	25,568	21,822	21,916	25,869	28,078	27,867	29,772	33,063	35,025	33,829	.....	.....
Conecuh	37,804	34,109	2,886	2,850	2,896	2,310	2,632	2,968	3,327	3,447	3,364	4,287	4,416	4,350	.....	.....
Cook	22,333	20,855	1,946	1,622	1,646	1,500	1,577	1,725	1,534	1,954	1,834	1,890	2,036	1,855	.....	.....
Covington	136,198	140,600	11,890	10,819	12,200	9,874	10,147	12,394	13,201	13,891	14,066	15,449	16,587	15,137	.....	.....
Crenshaw	33,792	32,420	2,675	2,686	2,636	2,407	2,622	2,837	3,214	3,583	3,430	3,451	3,411	3,244	.....	.....
Cullman	253,646	248,961	21,358	20,556	20,836	18,638	17,236	21,521	23,443	25,197	25,981	28,470	28,381	28,085	.....	.....
Dale	93,394	97,446	7,977	7,636	8,814	7,170	6,842	8,289	8,851	9,810	9,798	11,301	11,515	10,874	.....	.....
Dallas	210,054	188,352	16,002	15,378	16,686	12,984	12,973	15,508	16,700	18,489	18,677	21,966	22,968	21,302	.....	.....
DeKalb	169,062	171,660	15,072	14,085	15,216	11,959	12,004	14,442	15,435	16,717	17,803	20,114	20,233	19,794	.....	.....
Elmore	87,830	82,282	6,927	6,504	6,985	5,690	6,260	6,853	7,367	7,838	7,748	10,720	10,442	9,809	.....	.....
Etowah	138,098	133,511	11,212	11,943	12,888	10,238	10,210	12,695	12,614	13,662	13,963	15,365	15,667	14,935	.....	.....
Franklin	436,613	395,868	32,420	33,616	35,395	31,901	31,589	37,482	38,048	42,053	44,799	55,508	58,558	55,749	.....	.....
Fayette	87,645	85,349	6,493	6,668	8,235	6,419	6,144	7,827	7,436	7,809	8,057	7,241	7,504	7,246	.....	.....
Franklin	92,420	88,055	7,581	7,142	7,551	6,026	6,209	7,618	8,341	9,026	9,256	11,178	10,881	13,702	.....	.....
Geneva	134,459	146,372	12,481	12,562	13,053	12,536	11,895	12,848	13,497	18,532	17,552	14,130	14,457	10,790	.....	.....
Greene	22,753	21,917	1,879	1,885	1,939	1,412	1,395	1,803	1,722	2,254	2,167	2,334	2,027	2,061	.....	.....
Hale	36,129	35,115	3,105	2,828	3,191	2,409	2,631	2,968	3,182	3,330	3,849	4,212	3,965	4,084	.....	.....
Henry	45,233	40,210	3,300	3,359	3,452	2,779	2,767	3,403	3,884	3,994	3,945	3,941	3,593	3,955	.....	.....
Houston	442,968	430,944	36,298	37,218	41,907	33,510	33,236	40,275	42,195	43,132	44,966	53,664	56,717	52,309	.....	.....
Jackson	154,603	147,971	12,641	11,341	12,261	9,452	10,588	12,855	12,593	13,900	15,026	17,427	17,663	17,239	.....	.....
Jefferson	4,861,588	4,911,769	407,303	413,960	471,173	351,654	360,371	440,068	441,414	458,723	476,481	476,958	511,707	535,403	.....	.....
Lamar	37,002	37,354	3,018	2,870	4,159	2,847	2,568	3,025	3,269	3,684	3,610	3,783	4,116	4,045	.....	.....
Lauderdale	271,457	275,063	21,924	24,020	30,689	19,045	20,024	25,299	25,311	26,987	27,912	37,346	38,295	36,547	.....	.....
Lawrence	63,483	64,612	5,213	5,398	5,579	4,652	4,238	5,382	5,914	6,454	7,014	7,700	7,511	7,121	.....	.....
Lee	308,421	291,706	24,571	24,709	26,086	20,917	22,550	26,930	27,116	29,382	30,736	33,615	34,969	36,257	.....	.....
Limestone	147,969	148,159	12,801	12,513	13,292	10,341	10,371	13,412	13,854	14,036	15,435	18,048	17,968	17,568	.....	.....
Lowndes	23,213	23,153	2,038	1,893	2,037	1,622	1,557	1,789	1,997	2,128	1,969	2,226	1,760	1,861	.....	.....
Macon	45,438	42,695	3,418	3,200	3,138	2,862	3,050	3,494	3,957	4,348	4,466	5,595	5,310	4,983	.....	.....
Madison	838,433	859,722	69,873	73,780	79,708	54,051	65,760	77,023	76,972	87,490	93,780	111,498	117,833	116,333	.....	.....
Marengo	85,899	87,042	6,920	8,098	7,867	6,324	6,212	8,098	8,705	7,059	6,554	8,859	8,985	8,257	.....	.....
Marion	273,997	267,967	22,330	21,618	24,348	19,349	20,189	24,855	26,811	29,184	29,423	35,862	38,028	37,019	.....	.....
Marshall	1,859,679	1,764,926	146,668	148,056	169,796	137,265	132,755	157,489	162,570	172,446	180,459	211,473	218,553	199,747	.....	.....
Mobile	94,613	103,571	85,931	90,160	100,836	77,411	79,628	94,309	97,470	104,600	109,679	126,385	135,214	130,776	.....	.....
Monroe	999,127	1,034,571	85,931	90,160	100,836	77,411	79,628	94,309	97,470	104,600	109,679	126,385	135,214	130,776	.....	.....
Montgomery	480,257	476,698	36,375	36,807	41,830	34,194	35,573	46,783	47,198	52,796	48,956	54,284	58,515	57,048	.....	.....
Morgan	30,104	28,382	2,433	2,315	2,305	1,949	1,974	2,163	2,431	2,554	2,433	2,592	2,616	2,867	.....	.....
Perry	55,550	51,737	4,339	4,380	4,713	3,836	3,558	4,440	5,119	5,576	5,225	5,775	5,451	4,961	.....	.....
Pickens	88,946	83,838	7,648	6,722	7,230	5,631	6,096	7,689	8,560	9,619	8,561	9,715	10,762	11,139	.....	.....
Pike	55,212	54,925	4,642	4,769	5,473	4,376	4,483	5,396	5,139	5,399	5,249	5,809	5,818	6,207	.....	.....
Randolph	92,012	95,464	7,812	7,780	8,843	6,991	7,378	8,713	9,235	9,910	10,072	11,751	12,631	11,521	.....	.....
Russell	105,105	108,453	8,653	8,525	9,141	8,239	9,111	11,023	12,353	13,493	14,144	15,720	14,987	14,679	.....	.....
St. Clair	262,248	261,472	22,076	21,559	22,598	19,339	18,476	24,021	26,070	27,655	28,931	26,253	27,429	27,143	.....	.....
Shelby	35,672	34,465	2,963	2,551	3,183	2,474	2,552	2,844	3,017	3,079	3,172	3,372	3,506	3,303	.....	.....
Sumter	227,798	219,173	17,433	17,778	19,303	16,906	16,114	19,218	19,383	23,002	21,632	26,037	25,459	24,821	.....	.....
Talladega	125,921	122,749	10,848	10,422	11,435	9,348	9,634	11,180	12,076	12,886	13,320	14,511	14,305	14,921	.....	.....
Tallapoosa	546,744	552,075	47,602	47,404	53,034	43,285	41,589	49,621	51,174	53,023	57,561	63,913	69,031	68,010	.....	.....
Tuscaloosa	265,814	266,965	23,037	22,973	24,844	21,816	21,573	25,031	25,716	27,221	25,734	30,059	30,175	30,250	.....	.....
Walker	32,035	29,920	2,437	2,372	2,440	2,215	2,029	2,691	3,121	3,108	3,183	3,155	3,534	3,363	.....	.....
Washington	33,877	35,627	3,182	2,910	3,095	2,586	2,727	3,121	3,108	3,183	3,155	3,534	3,363	3,363	.....	.....
Wilcox	65,605	64,854	5,258	5,157	5,263	4,440	4,495	5,502	5,864	6,102	6,662	7,545	8,096	7,337	.....	.....
Winston	3,600,377	4,185,970	358,517	376,675	426,315	270,554	296,711	356,404	326,544	339,611	341,517	180,750	175,623	183,608	.....	.....
Statewide ¹⁾																
BUILDING ACTIVITY²⁾																
Alabama total																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	832,386	712,696	49,361	49,714	68,161	53,990	51,306	84,232	72,068	108,222	72,677	93,959	120,559	96,165	86,676	.....
Residential	295,838	237,082	21,960	18,975	18,021	25,652	25,793	43,724	40,009	47,803	32,005	39,580	47,066	34,835	43,819	.....
Nonresidential	280,294	300,343	14,269	19,385	40,757	16,128	16,272	20,153	17,120	34,301	20,565	26,714	35,834	29,816	19,696	.....
In selected cities																
Anniston																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	8,062	5,965	469	362	422	439	445	674	791	850	905	826	895	794	818	.....
Residential	3,089	2,700	239	250	239	269	271	417	312	341	346	306	309	263	268	.....
Nonresidential	1,819	442	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	112	96	112	92	124	106	109	.....
Birmingham																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	152,970	109,048	4,788	6,510	28,748	10,220	2,369	11,394	5,671	23,569	8,012	7,729	14,059	30,767	9,844	.....
Residential	31,815	13,918	1,044	565	845	495	690	7,607	977	9,643	1,221	1,378	1,317	2,529	4,275	.....
Nonresidential	34,576	61,839	820	2,628	27,027	7,013	1,133	1,580	1,098	2,177	1,911	1,855	7,416	12,498	767	

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Type of Activity	Annual		1982			1983									
	1981	1982	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
BUILDING ACTIVITY															
—CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	49,867	52,352	2,036	4,017	2,861	4,057	3,297	7,692	10,648	7,877	6,777	6,275	6,829	6,315	6,326
Residential	14,560	15,363	1,117	1,607	1,363	2,492	2,061	4,125	4,797	3,407	2,568	2,473	2,354	2,081	2,108
Nonresidential	16,266	22,178	531	1,815	960	487	489	1,940	5,301	3,265	2,542	2,205	2,762	2,652	2,596
Quad-Cities ⁽¹⁾															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	29,011	18,563	2,333	1,238	781	798	858	977	718	1,247	1,244	1,612	1,361	1,250	852
Residential	11,429	7,481	912	1,027	780	668	502	711	341	451	640	473	513	623	428
Nonresidential	8,453	5,722	1,141	3		56	340	45	246	176	261	737	705	380	337
Selma															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	4,546	2,757	1,158	72	25	248	1,049	105	184	635	115	336	103	901	67
Residential	1,027	987	200	25		8		25	63	125	30		20		
Nonresidential	1,029	1,739	871	10	6		18	22	19	384	10	275	20	18	30
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	17,343	21,418	1,351	1,023	771	2,323	1,869	3,672	1,458	3,023	3,600	2,862	3,340	3,777	1,814
Residential	4,956	6,592	591	301	427	590	1,402	2,697	850	1,674	1,205	2,338	1,194	1,378	396
Nonresidential	6,617	8,408	336	41	135	1,509	209	84	187	424	569	187	1,221	711	527

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data. Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data. These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of F. W. Dodge Div., McGraw-Hill Information Co. End-of-month balance. Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition. These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data. Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year. Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations. Excludes sales to federal government. These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of R. L. Polk and Company. Retail sales data represent sales at retail as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1977 are not available for the new series. Birmingham and Huntsville MSA sales data after June 1983 are not directly comparable with earlier data because county designations were changed. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census; the sum of monthly figures may not equal annual total. "Total" construction includes additions and alterations, therefore, is not a sum of residential and nonresidential. Quad-Cities consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Retail Trade Data in Suspension

Beginning with this issue, updates of retail sales data will not appear. This suspension is expected to be temporary and is necessary to allow a review of the data series toward possible corrections to the data already published. In this issue, retail sales for the state, MSAs, and counties for October 1983 do not appear. Reports for prior months of 1983 contain revisions, however.

The review of this series resulted from a change by the State Revenue Department in the form used by establishments to report their monthly retail sales. CBER compiles retail sales estimates from computer tapes provided by the Revenue

Department. The new form, which went into effect in March 1983, is much more concise than its predecessor. As a consequence, some of the detail used to compile retail sales estimates was lost, with a corresponding loss in consistency across time.

Also, some retail sales estimates for the Alabama MSAs were not properly matched with the city names in the January 1984 issue. Affected were the Dothan, Florence, Gadsden, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, and Tuscaloosa MSA reports. That error has been corrected in this issue.

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Alabama and the Sunbelt

According to Webster, the term Sunbelt (coined circa 1952) is defined as the nation's southern and southwestern states. That scanty definition has provided writers a wide latitude in drawing their boundaries for numerous articles about the Sunbelt, and as a result they frequently disagree as to exactly what is and what is not the Sunbelt. However, there is little disagreement that the socioeconomic growth experienced in the Sunbelt during the past decade or so has been nothing short of phenomenal. Alabama by virtue of its location is difficult to exclude from almost any definition of the Sunbelt.

For this discussion, fourteen other states were selected in addition to Alabama as the Sunbelt. These were Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, and Virginia. The 1982-83 *Statistical Abstract of the United States* was the source of statistics for making comparisons among these states.

The U.S. population increased by 11.4 percent between the 1970 and 1980 censuses of population and housing. With an increase in population of 53.1 percent, Arizona led the Sunbelt states in rate of population growth. Nationally Arizona's rate of growth was second only to Nevada, which experienced a 63.8 percent increase in population for the decade. Florida's population growth also was quite robust, amounting to 43.5 percent between decennial censuses and placing the state second within the Sunbelt. While above the national average, Alabama's population increase of 13.1 percent placed the state fourteenth on the list of Sunbelt states. Missouri experienced the smallest rate of population increase of the Sunbelt states with 5.1 percent.

Nonagricultural employment in Alabama increased from 1,155,000 in 1975 to 1,356,000 in 1980. This 17.4 percent increase placed Alabama next to last among the fifteen Sunbelt states. Missouri's 13.1 percent increase in nonagricultural employment was less. However, Missouri had 586,000 more nonagricultural workers in 1975 and 614,000 more in 1980 than did Alabama. Leading the Sunbelt states in percent increase in nonagricultural employment was Arizona. That state saw its number of nonagricultural workers increase by 39.1 percent from 1975 to 1980. However, Arizona had 342,000 fewer nonagricultural employees in 1980 than did

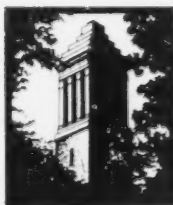
Alabama. Florida was just behind Arizona in increase in nonagricultural employment among the Sunbelt states. Florida's number of nonagricultural employees increased by 30.2 percent during the five-year period. Nonagricultural employment in Florida in 1980 was 3,567,000 workers.

The wealth of an area's people is frequently cited as a measure of the quality of life in that area. Per capita personal income for 1981 as measured in constant 1972 (inflation adjusted) dollars amounted to \$5,430 for the U.S. as a whole. Among the fifteen Sunbelt states, this measure ranged in 1981 from a high of \$6,225 for California to a low of \$3,746 for Mississippi. Alabama's per capita personal income for 1981, at \$4,233, was twelfth on the list of fifteen states. Alabama was followed by South Carolina at \$4,156 and Arkansas at \$4,152.

While historically lower in amount than the national average, growth in Alabama per capita personal income in recent years has closed the gap on other states. From 1970 to 1980, Alabama per capita personal income in constant dollars increased by 32.4 percent, which compares to a 24.6 percent gain in per capita personal income for the nation as a whole. This increase placed Alabama seventh among the Sunbelt states. Louisiana per capita personal income growth for the decade amounted to 43.8 percent, first among the Sunbelt states. Growth in Florida per capita personal income amounted to 23.1 percent, close to the national average but last among the Sunbelt states.

Alabama also has gained on the national average for total personal income in recent years, although the gain is rather lackluster in comparison to other Sunbelt states. Total personal income in Alabama as measured in constant dollars increased 49.7 percent during 1970-80, which compares to a 39.0 percent increase for the nation as a whole. However, this increase placed the state only eleventh among the Sunbelt states. Arizona marked an increase of 87.5 percent in total personal income during 1970-80, the highest increase among the Sunbelt states. Missouri placed last among the fifteen Sunbelt states in total personal income growth at 30.1 percent for 1970-1980.

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Interstate Migration and Alabama

By E. P. Rutledge

Considerable copy has been generated the past half year about population and migratory shifts of people. Most of this verbiage has centered on alleged events since the 1980 Census and, in my opinion, are sure to be greatly muddled by the high rates of unemployment experienced throughout the United States during the period. At this point in the decade we have mostly inference derived from statistical relationships predicated on past performance. While the inferences may be completely accurate, more time is needed to see the effects of any such movement in corroborating data series.

However, we do have some relatively hard data from the 1980 and 1970 censuses. One of the questions asked of approximately 25 percent of the households in the 1980 Census was "Where did you live in 1975?" A similar question was asked of about 20 percent of the households in the 1970 Census. Let's take a look at the results of those two questions to see if any sense can be made.

The first table presents interregional migration for Alabama. The columns labeled "IN" show the count of persons who on Census day were found residing in Alabama but indicated that in either 1965 or 1975 they had lived in some state other than Alabama. Similarly, the columns labeled "OUT" show the persons who on Census day resided outside of Alabama but indicated that in either 1965 or 1975 they had lived in Alabama. All of these counts include military and dependents as well as persons moving due to corporate reassignments, and the data only show the relative movements in time, not where the person "originated."

TABLE 1. ALABAMA INTERREGIONAL MIGRATION
1965 TO 1970 AND 1975 TO 1980

Origin-Destination	1965-1970			1975-1980		
	In	Out	Net	In	Out	Net
Northeast	18,723	26,906	-8,183	31,188	14,516	16,672
North Central	44,200	56,885	-12,685	59,720	38,874	20,846
South	155,555	196,518	-40,963	201,683	187,464	14,219
West	25,254	36,069	-10,815	27,363	31,860	-4,497
Total All States	243,732	316,378	-72,646	319,954	272,714	47,240

The conclusions to be drawn from the table are obvious. From a significantly net loser of population via migration during the 1960s, Alabama became a net gainer during the 1970s. The only region continuing to draw population away from the state was the West. Furthermore, in both periods, Alabamians who left apparently preferred other southern states. These data tend to support the surmise that Alabamians subsequently may be more easily brought home because they remain in the region.

The second table presents these data in more detail. Each state is shown with the appropriate data from the 1970 and 1980 censuses. In their geographic order, these data do not seem to show much of a pattern. If they are sorted, however, we find that of the ten states attracting most Alabamians during the second half of the '60s, five of them subsequently were among the top ten providing in-migrants during the 1975-80 period. Furthermore, the eleven states that were the most frequent destinations of Alabamians leaving during 1965-70 were the top eleven states of origin for in-migrants to Alabama during the late '70s.

Does this mean we have evidence of a "return migration?" I'm

not sure. We need other information to reach such a conclusion. One of the many projects CBER hopes to undertake is an examination of migrants identified in the Public Use Samples from 1980. Such a study will probably parallel *Socioeconomic Characteristics of Alabama Migrants*, published by CBER in 1975. Hopefully we will glean some more information about the origin of Alabama migrants.

TABLE 2. ALABAMA INTERSTATE MIGRATION
RANKED BY 1975-1980 IN-MIGRATION

Origin-Destination	1965-1970			1975-1980		
	In	Out	Net	In	Out	Net
Florida	32,956	43,067	-10,111	46,682	34,047	12,635
Georgia	31,568	44,347	-12,779	43,433	35,641	7,792
Tennessee	18,152	18,740	-588	22,294	22,172	122
Mississippi	15,472	16,416	-944	16,985	17,496	-511
Texas	13,917	21,878	-7,961	16,460	24,285	-7,825
California	12,908	20,532	-7,624	13,656	14,779	-1,123
Illinois	12,342	10,930	1,412	13,399	7,473	5,926
Ohio	7,098	11,971	-4,873	13,238	8,354	4,884
New York	7,382	11,330	-3,948	13,190	4,726	8,464
Michigan	6,608	16,961	-10,353	11,354	7,656	3,698
North Carolina	6,530	9,641	-3,111	10,202	8,714	1,488
Virginia	6,993	9,160	-2,167	9,377	8,259	1,118
Louisiana	8,555	9,320	-765	8,730	12,514	-3,784
Indiana	5,717	5,694	23	7,128	3,636	3,492
Kentucky	4,110	3,827	283	6,719	5,627	1,092
South Carolina	4,946	6,468	-1,522	6,689	6,233	456
Pennsylvania	3,709	4,340	-631	6,109	3,379	2,730
New Jersey	3,241	4,365	-1,124	4,697	2,501	2,196
Missouri	4,214	4,698	-484	4,332	3,776	556
Maryland	3,061	4,486	-1,425	4,287	3,490	797
Arkansas	3,367	2,224	1,143	3,391	3,152	239
Oklahoma	3,321	4,841	-1,518	2,993	3,818	-825
Colorado	2,112	2,938	-826	2,959	3,627	-668
Kansas	2,351	2,003	348	2,958	2,516	442
Massachusetts	1,681	3,454	-1,773	2,920	1,402	1,518
Connecticut	1,164	2,053	-889	2,283	1,743	540
Arizona	1,439	2,080	-641	2,116	2,731	-615
Wisconsin	1,450	1,668	-218	2,092	1,349	743
Iowa	1,227	571	656	1,903	1,050	853
Hawaii	1,505	1,209	296	1,790	1,462	328
West Virginia	1,405	707	698	1,764	986	778
Washington	1,764	4,620	-2,856	1,736	3,079	-1,343
Minnesota	1,439	1,156	283	1,477	1,333	144
Alaska	1,331	1,211	120	1,330	1,249	81
New Mexico	1,431	962	469	909	1,384	-475
Delaware	320	375	-55	854	357	502
District of Columbia	880	1,021	-141	818	673	145
Nebraska	1,018	796	222	816	1,030	-214
Maine	426	259	167	768	297	471
Oregon	826	571	253	698	623	75
Rhode Island	687	601	86	638	72	566
North Dakota	401	250	151	637	287	350
Nevada	305	57	248	569	868	-299
Montana	446	242	204	512	244	268
New Hampshire	301	335	-34	461	229	232
Idaho	361	237	124	400	491	-91
South Dakota	335	187	148	386	414	-28
Utah	480	614	-134	361	1,092	-727
Wyoming	346	284	62	311	231	80
Vermont	134	169	-35	122	167	-45
Total All States	243,732	316,378	-72,646	319,954	272,714	47,240
Abroad	21,377			28,706		

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1970 and 1980 Censuses of Population, "Interstate Migration by State, 1970" and "State of Residence in 1975 by State of Residence in 1980."

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1982		1983										
	1981	1982	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production ¹ (1,000 net tons)	24,467	25,869	2,032	1,664	1,965	1,858	1,914	2,017	1,907	1,759	1,667	2,004	1,937	2,150	2,044
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	126,885	133,892	11,258	11,590	12,165	10,832	11,423	11,429	10,399	10,301	10,189	10,541	9,028	10,409	.....
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	331,792	320,808	27,632	26,680	25,851	29,560	33,442	29,988	31,724	32,494	24,507	33,557	31,394	27,904	.....
Crude oil and condensate production ² (1,000 barrels)	20,669	20,011	1,714	1,742	1,732	1,511	1,603	1,561	1,564	1,525	1,596	1,592	1,435	1,522	.....
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kWh)	25,907	21,431	1,659	1,499	1,571	1,649	1,621	1,702	1,753	1,797	1,756	1,963	1,892	1,818	1,799
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	5,153	5,419	462	406	484	424	517	506	556	554	561	505	511	559	510
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined ³ (\$1,000)	1,880,000	2,011,200	159,500	169,400	139,500	144,900	253,800	225,500	293,500	327,100	160,400	219,900	242,200	278,600	291,000
Residential	289,300	847,200	83,400	59,300	74,700	70,600	104,500	107,700	123,400	125,700	100,500	101,300	162,200	138,100	97,300
Nonresidential	659,700	660,000	54,100	45,600	47,600	56,000	93,000	74,400	124,000	111,900	45,300	73,300	45,400	108,000	162,000
Public works and utilities	354,100	504,000	22,200	64,400	17,100	18,500	56,400	43,100	41,700	89,300	14,700	45,400	34,400	32,700	31,400
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	988	928	73	71	60	62	92	85	85	116	102	116	101	108	92
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations ⁴ (\$1,000,000)	4,451	4,598	4,547	4,598	4,668	4,724	4,830	4,951	4,993	5,063	5,096	5,123	5,153	5,191	5,204
Tax collections (\$1,000)	2,081,208	2,112,332	174,617	154,150	177,787	174,477	189,042	192,932	218,607	189,144	173,150	191,429	219,555	186,326	221,579
Total	48,167	52,016	2,255	1,492	1,492	1,492	1,492	1,492	1,492	1,492	1,492	1,492	1,492	1,492	1,492
Franchise	201,271	197,894	16,230	15,907	17,274	15,813	14,001	17,681	16,303	17,158	17,252	17,182	17,874	16,536	16,469
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	772,011	765,160	71,940	49,032	45,667	79,661	76,745	45,511	108,834	80,633	36,785	81,341	81,667	38,160	83,569
Motor fuels	40,470	41,505	5,149	3,448	2,967	3,658	3,049	3,763	3,901	3,136	3,206	4,196	3,383	4,189	5,573
Oil gas privilege	42,074	36,891	2,805	2,953	4,238	2,964	4,871	5,691	6,447	6,193	5,131	5,298	5,163	5,106	34,115
Oil gas production	19,254	18,510	1,401	1,468	1,504	1,485	1,808	1,362	1,823	1,541	1,319	1,319	1,331	1,314	1,339
Sales	543,673	562,208	46,451	49,258	56,835	43,331	44,491	48,128	52,546	52,347	51,650	52,961	51,526	51,888	53,500
2.2% Gross receipts	39,527	44,104	130	35	10,560	135	147	10,635	110	48	10,738	61	3,548	10,134	63
TVA electric	29,317	35,999	5,661	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,911	2,867	.....
Tobacco	70,384	70,885	5,698	5,849	6,864	4,692	4,881	5,411	5,599	6,536	6,035	5,426	5,906	6,030	5,454
Use	66,247	67,876	1,372	1,017	14,086	2,039	960	14,062	1,239	816	14,707	1,097	643	15,021	1,389
Utility	123,790	134,597	10,123	16,079	12,180	12,368	13,717	12,102	11,461	10,751	10,617	11,747	12,838	22,053	11,324
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. ⁵ (1967 = 100)															
All items	272.3	288.8	293.2	292.0	293.1	293.2	293.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1
Food	274.6	285.7	286.4	286.5	288.1	289.0	290.5	291.9	292.4	292.0	292.0	292.2	292.6	292.9	292.5
Housing	293.5	314.7	319.0	316.3	317.9	318.5	318.6	320.3	321.8	323.1	324.5	324.8	326.4	326.8	327.0
Fuel and utilities	319.2	350.8	362.2	364.1	365.4	364.6	363.8	363.6	369.3	373.6	375.5	375.1	376.4	374.4	371.3
Apparel and upkeep	186.9	191.8	195.4	193.6	191.0	192.0	194.5	195.5	196.1	195.6	195.0	197.3	200.4	200.7	200.7
Transportation	280.0	291.5	295.8	294.8	293.0	289.9	287.4	292.3	296.2	298.3	300.4	302.4	303.7	305.0	306.3
Medical care	294.5	328.7	342.2	344.3	347.5	351.3	352.3	353.5	354.3	355.4	357.7	360.0	361.2	362.9	364.9
Energy	410.0	416.0	422.6	419.9	414.5	406.7	399.9	410.0	421.3	427.3	430.1	429.8	429.3	425.1	419.9
Producer Price Index, U.S. ⁶ (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	293.3	299.3	300.3	300.7	299.9	300.9	300.6	300.6	301.5	302.4	303.2	304.7	305.3	306.3	306.6
Industrial commodities	304.0	312.3	315.0	315.2	313.9	313.9	313.5	312.4	313.6	315.3	316.5	317.3	317.2	318.7	318.3
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers (1977 = 100)	123.5	115.8	112.0	110.0	114.0	118.0	117.0	117.0	120.0	119.0	122.0	126.0	126.0	124.0	131.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = \$1,000)															
As measured by	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Consumer prices	367	346	341	342	341	341	341	339	337	335	334	333	331	330	330
Wholesale prices	341	334	333	333	333	332	333	332	332	331	330	328	328	326	327
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT ⁷															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,669.0	1,713.0	1,737.9	1,720.2	1,731.5	1,740.4	1,739.8	1,732.7	1,729.4	1,732.2	1,758.3	1,748.2	1,745.3	1,774.6	1,774.9
Unemployment	178.0	247.0	268.1	266.9	289.9	284.1	261.9	236.6	225.0	222.2	222.0	214.3	214.5	220.7	223.1
Unemployment rate	10.7	14.4	15.4	15.5	16.7	16.3	15.1	13.7	13.0	12.8	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.6
Employment	1,491.0	1,466.0	1,469.8	1,453.3	1,441.6	1,456.3	1,477.9	1,496.1	1,504.4	1,510.0	1,526.3	1,531.9	1,530.8	1,553.9	1,551.8
Nonagricultural	1,347.6	1,312.5	1,302.4	1,299.8	1,282.9	1,285.6	1,294.4	1,312.4	1,320.9	1,331.6	1,332.0	1,333.7	1,326.5	1,334.8	1,336.6
Manufacturing	362.0	337.8	327.8	326.7	323.8	326.6	329.7	334.5	337.8	340.9	337.4	344.8	345.5	346.0	346.3
Durable goods	174.6	159.1	151.7	150.5	149.2	151.2	153.4	156.1	157.3	157.6	157.9	160.9	161.1	161.9	162.6
Lumber and wood products	27.2	25.1	25.3	25.2	25.2	25.6	26.3	27.0	27.7	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.6	28.4
Stone, clay, glass products	9.6	8.6	8.4	8.2	8.0	8.3	8.5	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.7
Primary metals	36.6	29.6	25.3	24.7	25.1	25.0	24.8	25.1	25.0	24.7	24.3	24.9	24.5	24.6	24.6
Blast furn. and steel works	13.5	8.8	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.1	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.5
Iron and steel foundries	12.4	11.4	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.4	10.3	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.5
Fabricated metals	25.8	22.8	22.0	21.8	21.1	20.7	21.3	21.4	21.5	21.4	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.4
Machinery (incl. electrical)	34.7	34.3	33.5	33.6	32.4	32.6	32.8	33.1	33.2	33.4	33.5	33.9	33.9	34.0	34.4
Transportation	23.7	22.6	21.4	21.3	20.9	21.1	21.6	21.4	21.2	19.9	20.2	21.8	22.0	22.6	22.7
Other durable goods	16.9	16.0	15.8	15.7	15.0	16.0	16.1	17.0	17.2	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.8	17.9	18.2
Nondurable goods	187.4	178.8	176.1	175.8	174.6	175.4	176.3	178.4	180.5	183.3	179.5	183.9	184.4	184.1	183.7
Food	27.9	26.5	26.5	26.2	26.2	26.1	26.3	26.5	26.8	27.2	27.3	27.4	27.4	27.5	27.2
Textile mill products	42.1	38.8	38.5	38.4	37.8	37.7	37.8	38.7	38.8	39.6	37.6	39.6	40.2	40.3	40.3
Apparel	54.7	53.0	52.4	52.2	51.9	52.7	52.5	53.0	54.4	55.6	53.8	55.4	56.0	55.5	55.4
Paper and allied products	20.8	21.0	20.9	21.4	21.0	20.8	21.1	21.2	21.4	21.8	21.9	22.1	21.5	21.4	21.4
Printing and publishing	10.1	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.3
Chemicals and allied products	14.5	13.1	12.1	11.8	12.0	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.5	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8
Rubber products	14.7	13.8	13.4	13.5	13.4	13.9	14.3	14.8	14.7	14.7	14.8	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.1
Other nondurable goods	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Nonmanufacturing	985.6	974.7	974.6	973.5	969.1	969.0	964.7	977.9	983.1	990.7	994.6	978.9	981.0	988.8	990.3
Mining and quarrying	15.9	16.2	14.8	13.9	14.4	13.6	13.5	13.6	13.4	13.6	13.7	13.6	12.9	13.3	13.6
Bituminous coal mining	11.2	12.1	11.6	11.2	11.1	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.4			

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982		1983											
	1981	1982	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.																
Other employment activity																
State Employment Service (number)																
Job applications	314,801	176,752	12,269	10,457	15,331	14,996	18,927	18,139	18,496	21,778	20,987	19,505	17,884	14,485	.....	.....
Nonagricultural placements	77,868	66,900	3,961	3,342	4,253	4,469	6,039	7,233	6,942	10,753	15,126	10,484	7,499	7,117	.....	.....
Unemployment compensation																
Initial benefit claims (number)	487,153	632,290	41,857	53,339	77,765	35,542	36,556	30,468	26,892	25,293	49,017	29,803	24,506	27,873	.....	.....
Payments (\$1,000)	168,760	233,984	19,383	25,027	23,232	20,554	21,604	16,669	14,783	14,873	13,217	15,186	13,556	11,656	.....	.....
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)																
Autauga	14,320	15,380	15,580	15,670	15,730	15,690	15,550	15,560	15,090	15,030	15,090	15,030	15,200	15,460	15,580	.....
Baldwin	9.3	14.7	13.6	19.1	19.4	18.0	16.5	16.2	13.2	12.9	12.0	11.3	12.3	12.5	13.0	.....
Barbour	32,990	33,640	33,660	33,880	34,080	34,090	34,000	33,750	33,700	34,010	34,790	34,140	33,790	34,650	35,000	.....
Bibb	7.7	12.0	13.2	14.1	14.3	14.1	12.7	11.5	11.4	10.5	11.6	10.8	11.5	11.5	12.2	.....
Blount	11,210	11,410	11,670	11,630	11,250	11,300	11,410	11,500	11,380	11,270	11,590	11,550	11,580	11,860	11,690	.....
Bullock	12.4	16.4	14.5	15.5	17.4	16.4	15.2	13.9	12.3	12.4	12.8	12.7	11.6	11.7	12.1	.....
Burns	5,410	5,640	5,600	5,710	5,880	5,840	5,860	5,750	5,670	5,720	5,590	5,240	5,550	5,600	5,680	.....
Calhoun	20.2	22.9	22.1	27.2	27.1	26.6	23.8	20.5	18.4	17.3	16.8	16.4	18.9	16.4	17.2	.....
Chambers	14,080	14,100	13,750	13,700	13,870	14,010	14,010	14,010	13,850	13,570	13,620	13,400	13,580	13,900	13,460	.....
Cherokee	11.9	19.7	20.4	21.8	23.0	21.3	18.9	17.5	17.2	17.2	17.6	15.2	15.3	14.9	15.9	.....
Chilton	4,470	4,310	4,600	4,440	4,110	4,140	4,160	4,240	4,360	4,360	4,510	4,510	4,670	4,820	4,700	.....
Clarke	16.5	18.5	20.9	22.3	21.2	20.5	18.6	15.5	14.6	16.9	19.2	18.4	15.6	15.3	16.4	.....
Clay	9,840	10,020	10,300	10,210	9,770	9,810	9,970	9,700	9,750	9,740	9,930	9,820	9,880	10,300	10,090	.....
Cleburne	13.0	20.1	21.6	22.4	21.9	21.1	21.2	17.2	16.5	16.7	16.5	15.3	14.3	16.0	15.5	.....
Coffee	45,000	45,810	45,740	46,110	45,900	46,570	46,560	45,800	45,870	46,230	46,920	46,850	46,420	47,190	47,080	.....
Colbert	11.0	15.0	13.3	13.3	15.2	15.6	14.3	12.7	13.2	12.7	12.2	11.5	11.1	12.2	11.7	.....
Conecuh	15,920	16,170	15,800	15,840	16,500	16,400	16,360	16,360	16,330	16,600	16,920	16,820	16,470	16,890	16,830	.....
Coosa	7.5	11.4	11.6	11.9	12.8	11.4	10.1	9.2	9.0	9.5	10.6	9.4	8.1	9.3	9.1	.....
Covington	11,520	11,300	12,540	11,930	10,930	10,820	10,810	11,180	11,340	11,050	10,710	10,550	11,390	11,620	11,430	.....
Crenshaw	7.2	14.9	16.3	14.0	16.7	25.2	22.3	14.7	12.1	12.4	18.5	17.2	10.4	14.4	11.4	.....
Cullman	12,710	13,480	13,610	13,900	14,200	14,130	14,140	14,200	14,260	13,920	14,190	14,240	14,320	14,690	14,630	.....
Dale	14.7	15.6	17.9	19.4	20.0	18.6	16.1	14.5	13.9	12.6	11.9	11.7	11.9	11.7	12.3	.....
Dallas	5,160	5,230	5,460	5,430	5,380	5,430	5,440	5,590	5,590	5,580	5,870	5,660	5,540	5,630	5,610	.....
DeKalb	11.7	15.4	15.8	15.1	18.9	16.2	14.3	15.5	15.6	14.8	17.3	13.8	13.0	13.1	12.3	.....
Etowah	10,110	10,470	10,610	10,500	10,710	10,970	10,940	10,590	10,550	10,990	10,940	10,750	10,620	10,790	10,850	.....
Fayette	10.9	15.7	22.5	19.0	18.3	19.2	17.9	15.9	15.7	16.9	15.7	14.0	13.6	13.8	14.6	.....
Franklin	7,280	7,460	7,540	7,520	7,590	7,550	7,660	7,670	7,780	7,570	7,980	7,780	7,960	8,060	8,110	.....
Geneva	9.1	13.4	15.2	17.0	14.3	13.0	12.1	13.9	13.5	15.5	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	.....
Hale	4,900	5,080	5,300	5,340	5,170	5,190	5,180	5,160	5,080	5,090	5,010	5,190	5,120	5,240	5,220	.....
Henry	8.7	14.5	11.2	12.8	16.5	16.0	13.9	15.3	12.3	12.3	9.8	9.1	10.3	10.2	10.5	.....
Houston	19,050	19,490	18,230	18,220	20,160	20,370	20,310	20,320	20,560	20,220	20,480	20,600	20,810	20,960	20,840	.....
Jefferson	10.8	11.8	12.2	14.5	14.0	13.2	12.4	10.6	10.0	9.2	9.7	9.2	8.9	8.9	9.5	.....
Lamar	23,110	23,540	23,150	23,660	23,980	24,160	24,310	24,510	23,620	23,540	23,960	23,910	23,770	24,110	24,170	.....
Lawrence	14.6	19.0	17.7	19.7	22.1	21.9	21.1	19.5	17.5	16.7	17.3	16.6	16.5	16.5	16.4	.....
Lee	6,770	6,740	7,350	7,370	6,570	6,650	6,910	6,780	6,790	6,760	6,880	6,790	6,830	6,900	6,940	.....
Limestone	11.1	14.0	13.4	14.1	13.0	13.2	14.9	13.2	12.1	11.6	11.6	10.9	12.8	12.2	13.2	.....
Madison	5,840	5,640	5,760	5,740	5,620	5,580	5,580	5,630	5,770	5,490	5,710	5,630	5,770	5,800	5,840	.....
Marion	7.9	10.7	11.0	11.8	12.8	12.0	11.1	10.5	10.6	9.6	10.5	8.9	8.1	8.0	8.7	.....
Marshall	15,270	15,440	16,080	16,000	15,630	15,890	15,890	16,110	16,080	16,040	16,370	16,450	16,480	16,550	16,670	.....
Mobile	10.4	13.7	12.6	12.7	14.6	14.5	12.9	11.6	10.7	10.0	14.3	12.2	11.5	10.9	12.1	.....
Morgan	6,560	6,690	6,800	6,490	6,120	6,220	6,390	6,520	6,700	6,540	6,890	6,650	6,940	7,120	6,790	.....
Muscle Shoals	10.0	14.1	12.7	12.8	14.1	14.3	13.3	11.7	10.6	11.3	24.4	11.0	10.5	9.7	9.6	.....
Nelson	26,650	27,480	28,090	28,150	27,790	28,600	28,380	28,420	28,500	27,940	28,360	28,030	28,660	29,430	29,070	.....
Okfuskee	12.4	17.1	17.6	19.5	19.8	22.4	16.9	15.0	13.9	13.2	13.5	12.0	12.3	11.8	11.9	.....
Ozark	12,130	12,290	12,540	12,690	12,800	12,990	12,920	12,970	12,930	12,610	12,900	12,710	12,650	13,070	13,060	.....
Perdrie	12.0	13.2	14.3	16.0	16.9	16.2	14.8	13.9	12.9	12.5	13.3	12.2	11.9	12.6	13.2	.....
Pike	22,560	23,350	23,650	23,620	23,320	23,580	23,400	23,280	23,280	23,680	24,040	23,700	23,540	23,890	24,120	.....
Polk	12.6	17.6	19.8	21.0	21.4	20.6	19.1	18.8	16.5	16.1	16.7	15.6	15.7	16.0	16.5	.....
Portland	27,250	28,460	28,650	28,580	29,020	29,090	29,190	29,550	29,470	29,580	30,610	30,420	30,080	30,450	30,070	.....
Quitman	10.3	13.4	14.0	15.0	17.0	16.1	14.7	13.9	12.5	12.6	13.7	11.5	12.3	13.7	13.3	.....
Randolph	19,300	20,280	19,600	19,460	19,830	20,060	20,370	20,210	20,280	20,250	20,240	20,270	20,120	20,410	20,380	.....
Shelby	9.4	13.1	12.9	12.3	14.0	13.7	14.3	13.2	13.2	13.0	11.7	11.5	10.9	10.9	10.5	.....
St. Clair	15,910	16,330	15,980	15,840	16,320	16,940	16,420	16,700	16,700	16,940	17,260	16,750	16,860	17,020	17,260	.....
St. Elmo	9.8	13.2	14.1	13.7	13.7	12.9	12.1	12.6	12.6	12.2	13.0	12.2	11.8	12.2	13.4	.....
St. James	41,600	42,740	43,580	44,110	43,240	42,920	42,810	41,730	41,600	41,220	41,920	41,800	41,460	42,230	42,510	.....
St. Louis	13.0	20.5	22.4	23.1	23.9	22.8	21.8	18.0	16.4	15.9	16.1</					

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982		1983										
	1981	1982	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rates)—continued															
Monroe	10,010	10,250	10,450	10,970	10,200	10,300	10,430	10,580	10,500	10,550	10,700	10,700	10,720	10,940	11,050
Montgomery	87,220	89,890	87,820	87,610	88,130	89,040	89,500	88,630	88,520	89,420	90,480	90,370	90,710	92,570	93,210
Morgan	36,610	37,400	37,910	37,980	37,450	37,140	37,010	36,800	37,140	37,420	37,980	37,640	37,550	37,840	37,890
Perry	5,440	5,200	5,540	5,570	5,630	5,580	5,680	5,660	5,800	5,800	5,920	5,910	5,890	5,980	6,000
Pickens	7,670	7,620	7,600	7,580	7,640	7,730	7,940	7,910	7,990	7,900	7,970	7,780	7,800	7,900	7,830
Pike	13,280	13,230	13,750	13,400	13,520	13,720	13,740	13,760	13,960	13,760	13,920	13,820	14,070	14,590	14,390
Randolph	9,110	9,670	9,720	9,460	9,360	9,120	8,700	8,750	8,640	8,420	9,040	8,550	8,470	8,990	8,830
Russell	17,310	18,050	17,970	17,990	18,090	18,090	17,920	17,500	17,480	17,730	17,980	18,010	17,690	17,370	18,140
St. Clair	18,570	18,970	18,770	18,990	19,410	19,620	19,560	19,230	18,970	18,770	18,870	18,870	18,870	19,120	19,420
Shelby	29,150	29,910	29,560	30,490	30,260	30,230	30,210	29,820	30,100	29,810	30,340	30,360	30,190	30,650	30,690
Sumter	6,820	6,970	7,100	7,160	7,150	7,150	7,250	7,240	7,340	7,410	7,470	7,350	7,280	7,460	7,490
Talladega	29,480	30,630	30,930	31,260	31,230	31,220	30,980	30,530	30,570	30,180	30,400	30,380	30,090	30,500	30,220
Tallapoosa	16,420	17,250	16,960	16,960	17,330	17,340	17,360	17,070	17,110	17,650	18,230	17,810	17,550	17,840	17,920
Tuscaloosa	55,160	55,380	54,890	55,140	56,030	56,800	56,320	55,690	55,910	54,990	55,610	55,830	55,600	56,840	57,390
Walker	31,510	31,720	31,420	32,180	32,420	32,690	32,500	32,360	32,330	32,080	32,690	32,580	32,450	33,470	33,570
Washington	6,030	6,260	6,330	6,260	6,430	6,320	6,430	6,480	6,520	6,640	6,810	6,560	6,750	6,790	6,700
Wilcox	4,840	5,170	6,110	5,510	5,410	5,420	5,440	5,410	5,290	5,220	5,260	5,210	5,360	5,500	5,410
Winston	8,310	8,450	8,700	8,520	8,480	8,780	8,500	8,340	8,280	8,210	8,320	8,250	8,310	8,530	8,550
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value (\$1,000)	727,078	551,093	56,588	26,764	68,870	42,897	39,541	61,067	72,807	49,281	33,162	70,692	22,392	85,365	50,213
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	16,032	8,142	709	591	447	370	308	651	560	353	343	819	430	826	757
Exports															
Value (\$1,000)	1,430,730	1,222,158	122,662	99,164	78,730	80,453	68,176	81,973	60,503	71,690	51,007	33,212	51,981	64,610	81,993
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	14,210	14,577	1,241	1,269	1,133	1,057	757	1,061	898	1,150	610	344	524	547	546
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile* (1,000 tons)	37,649	39,655	3,259	3,050	3,030	2,695	2,574	3,193	3,051	3,268	2,560	3,013	2,812	2,948	3,118
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh.)	22,713	22,680	1,616	1,762	1,995	1,998	1,668	1,650	1,490	1,678	2,149	2,571	2,547	1,798	1,588
Gasoline sales* (1,000 gallons)	1,849,225	1,840,396	148,040	161,810	147,757	132,674	163,666	150,978	158,764	159,700	159,303	165,359	153,217	167,000	167,000
New passenger car registrations** (number)	112,051	100,717	9,441	9,205	8,018	8,462	9,326	9,544	11,620	10,660	11,039	10,012	11,288	10,378	10,296
Retail sales by kind of business, state totals* (\$1,000,000)															
Food	3,580	3,634	302	324	290	290	309	323	323	336	356	338	325	325	325
General stores with food and gas	319	331	27	28	25	24	28	29	29	32	30	29	28	28	28
General merchandise	2,190	2,292	231	312	123	150	192	204	171	163	190	198	194	194	194
Apparel	486	499	43	69	33	32	46	45	44	42	41	47	47	47	47
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	527	534	46	55	40	41	49	49	53	56	56	60	58	58	58
Automotive	2,570	2,690	234	226	208	223	285	294	313	336	343	358	349	349	349
Gasoline service stations	1,384	1,342	109	105	85	81	92	90	101	94	88	90	85	85	85
Lumber and building materials	844	778	66	61	54	56	73	76	90	97	98	114	111	111	111
Hardware and farm implements	384	351	30	30	23	24	34	34	39	42	41	42	42	42	42
Eating places	1,043	1,112	92	98	82	87	101	99	104	104	110	111	107	107	107
Drug stores	458	536	42	50	37	39	39	40	42	36	38	39	37	37	37
All other retail	2,445	2,433	198	255	161	163	203	201	235	238	216	236	232	232	232
Total sales by retail concerns	16,230	16,530	1,420	1,616	1,161	1,209	1,450	1,483	1,542	1,575	1,607	1,663	1,615	1,615	1,615
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	4,514	4,749	390	399	336	321	392	357	394	403	377	392	415	415	415
Total all sales at retail	20,744	21,279	1,810	2,015	1,497	1,530	1,842	1,841	1,936	1,978	1,985	2,055	2,030	2,030	2,030
Retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties* (\$1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston	423,025	432,037	36,511	40,978	30,099	31,094	37,560	37,700	39,448	42,513	49,304	51,054	48,924	48,924	48,924
Birmingham	5,494,855	5,604,600	473,309	534,536	406,797	407,194	496,000	503,026	523,112	542,315	543,358	577,490	602,301	602,301	602,301
Dothan	556,594	571,705	48,926	56,257	34,813	35,858	44,376	47,505	48,245	50,479	63,605	65,598	63,784	63,784	63,784
Florence	436,613	395,827	33,575	35,395	28,086	27,916	33,235	33,730	37,485	40,473	48,920	51,281	48,396	48,396	48,396
Gadsden	1,260,389	1,064,650	73,780	79,727	63,129	64,696	75,670	75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,261	111,714	111,714	111,714
Huntsville	2,233,905	2,131,321	175,690	198,501	151,625	148,825	178,187	172,423	186,646	195,871	233,943	240,731	217,431	217,431	217,431
Mobile	1,194,774	1,224,760	105,532	117,205	90,667	93,802	110,391	113,913	118,305	127,634	144,442	152,919	147,640	147,640	147,640
Montgomery	546,744	552,075	47,404	53,034	43,285	41,589	49,621	51,079	52,860	57,120	63,538	68,343	67,387	67,387	67,387
Tuscaloosa	107,817	107,927	8,868	9,384	7,820	8,284	9,694	9,681	10,388	10,966	9,939	9,677	9,116	9,116	9,116
Counties															
Autauga	374,226	366,715	27,634	29,025	21,223	21,810	27,273	27,431	30,674	32,386	39,626	38,691	33,665	33,665	33,665
Baldwin	65,935	62,778	5,474	5,470	4,466	4,521	5,091	5,366	6,353	6,603	6,977	6,872	6,871	6,871	6,871
Barbour	27,206	27,761	2,306	2,944	2,134	1,988	2,306	2,381	2,496	2,642	4,016	4,135	3,810	3,810	3,810
Bibb	83,509	80,384	6,292	6,778	5,787	5,816	6,802	6,399	7,016	7,639	8,335	8,757	8,797	8,797	8,797
Blount	30,211	59,766	5,604	6,349	5,980	5,761	2,347	2,873	2,606	2,769	3,030	2,739	2,915	2,915	2,915
Bullock	65,054	61,385	5,162	5,976	4,913	4,716	5,309	5,364	5,924	5,792	7,567	7,599	7,367	7,367	7,367
Butler	423,025	432,037	36,511	40,978	30,099	31,094	37,560	37,700	39,448	42,513	49,304	51,054	48,924	48,924	48,924
Calhoun	94,277	91,694	7,896	8,054	7,121	6,980	8,411	8,178	8,585	8,776	11,567	11,279	11,337	11,337	11,337
Chambers	55,069	52,267	4,046	4,458	3,439	3,696	4,595	4,797	4,913	5,369	5,360	4,744	4,789	4,789	4,789
Cherokee	85,151	92,525	7,626	7,679	6,238	6,094	7,763	8,323	8,720	8,963	10,115	10,059	9,475	9,475	9,475
Chilton	49,651	50,700	4,196	4,464	3,902	3,592	4,143	3,753	3,852	3,623	4,210	4,121	3,941	3,941	3,941
Choctaw	90,980	89,267	7,504	8,101	6,884	6,688	7,822	8,464	8,501	8,621	10,543	10,059	8,945	8,945	8,945
Clarke	26,767	26,957	2,221	2,525	2,041	2,004	2,185	2,433	2,076	2,334	2,518	2,763	2,339	2,339	2,339
Clay	22,776	24,342	2,293	2,290	2,013	1,982	2,407	2,568	2,589	2,671	2,633	2,492	2,577	2,577	2,577
Cleburne	139,979	142,602	12,103	12,842	10,961	11,476	13,642	13,968	15,283	15,128	18,061	18,176	17,887	17,887	17,887

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982				1983									
	1981	1982	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	
TRADE—CONTINUED																
Retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued																
Counties—continued																
Colbert	285,137	296,642	24,906	25,566	15,668	15,934	17,077	21,312	21,378	22,668	26,623	27,641	27,485			
Conecuh	37,804	34,109	2,850	2,896	2,310	2,632	2,968	3,327	3,317	3,364	3,917	4,025	3,911			
Coosa	22,333	20,855	1,622	1,646	1,234	1,343	1,438	1,315	1,551	1,553	1,528	1,654	1,500			
Covington	136,198	140,600	10,819	12,200	9,874	10,147	12,394	13,203	13,898	14,070	15,396	16,540	15,128			
Crenshaw	33,792	32,420	2,686	2,636	2,407	2,622	2,837	3,214	3,370	3,430	3,283	3,237	3,072			
Cullman	253,646	248,962	20,556	20,837	18,586	17,214	21,470	22,800	24,572	25,274	26,934	26,844	26,708			
Dale	93,394	97,392	7,607	8,789	6,939	6,630	8,059	8,450	9,203	9,138	10,789	10,809	10,090			
Dallas	210,054	188,352	15,378	16,686	12,389	12,311	14,659	15,999	17,506	17,583	20,057	21,239	19,629			
DeKalb	169,062	171,545	14,050	15,146	10,222	10,380	12,382	13,231	14,017	15,364	17,373	17,434	16,975			
Elmore	87,830	82,262	6,504	6,885	5,690	6,260	6,853	7,370	7,784	7,758	10,675	10,428	9,817			
Escambia	138,098	133,511	11,943	12,888	9,786	9,806	12,191	12,100	12,990	13,067	14,431	15,013	13,897			
Etowah	436,613	396,827	33,575	35,395	28,086	27,916	33,235	33,730	37,465	40,473	48,920	51,281	46,586			
Fayette	87,645	85,349	6,668	8,235	6,419	6,144	7,627	7,436	7,809	8,057	7,172	7,453	7,199			
Franklin	92,420	88,064	7,142	7,560	6,026	6,209	7,618	8,320	8,811	9,024	11,022	10,532	10,287			
Geneva	134,459	146,372	12,562	13,053	12,536	11,895	12,848	13,497	14,304	13,751	14,083	14,425	13,682			
Greene	22,753	21,917	1,886	1,939	1,412	1,395	1,803	1,722	2,254	2,167	2,334	2,029	2,103			
Hale	36,129	35,115	2,828	3,191	2,409	2,631	2,968	3,182	3,330	3,849	4,212	3,965	4,090			
Henry	45,233	40,210	3,359	3,452	2,779	2,767	3,403	3,884	3,994	3,887	3,870	3,528	3,890			
Houston	442,988	430,944	37,218	41,807	33,510	33,236	40,242	42,059	42,876	44,750	53,391	56,468	52,535			
Jackson	154,603	147,971	11,341	12,261	9,432	10,571	12,836	12,510	13,826	14,506	16,639	16,577	16,068			
Jefferson	4,861,688	4,911,771	413,960	471,175	350,817	352,555	431,552	433,065	448,400	466,509	464,146	497,248	522,309			
Lamar	37,002	37,354	2,870	4,159	2,807	2,537	2,923	3,168	3,481	3,490	3,662	3,993	3,912			
Lauderdale	271,457	275,063	24,020	30,689	19,145	19,924	25,299	26,180	26,867	27,811	36,382	37,957	36,299			
Lawrence	63,483	64,612	5,398	5,579	4,511	4,057	4,982	5,384	5,767	6,220	7,017	7,036	6,692			
Lee	308,421	291,706	24,709	26,086	20,468	22,057	26,366	26,569	28,742	30,099	32,450	33,684	35,165			
Limestone	147,969	148,159	12,513	13,292	9,395	9,417	12,346	12,732	12,806	14,140	16,625	16,802	16,335			
Lowndes	23,213	23,153	1,881	2,037	1,622	1,557	1,793	1,997	2,128	1,871	2,232	1,766	1,870			
Macon	45,438	42,695	3,300	3,138	2,754	2,950	3,369	3,655	4,030	4,098	5,012	4,782	4,431			
Madison	838,433	859,741	73,780	79,727	63,129	64,696	75,670	75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,261	111,714			
Marengo	85,699	87,042	8,098	7,867	5,693	5,672	6,959	7,434	6,553	6,554	7,458	7,137	6,791			
Marion	68,640	69,720	5,750	6,441	5,540	5,129	6,255	6,829	7,422	7,699	9,459	9,159	9,372			
Marshall	273,997	267,967	21,618	24,348	19,349	20,189	24,855	26,811	28,876	29,248	35,269	37,497	36,544			
Mobile	1,859,679	1,764,606	148,056	169,476	130,402	127,015	150,914	144,992	155,972	163,485	194,317	202,040	183,766			
Monroe	94,613	103,747	11,375	8,675	7,364	7,834	9,431	9,134	9,382	9,504	10,284	11,549	10,899			
Montgomery	999,127	1,034,571	90,160	100,836	77,057	79,258	93,844	96,862	100,133	108,890	123,828	132,814	128,707			
Morgan	480,257	476,700	36,807	41,332	34,084	35,473	46,673	46,763	51,232	47,039	51,489	55,483	54,013			
Perry	30,104	28,382	2,315	2,375	1,949	1,974	2,163	2,396	2,503	2,392	2,568	2,541	2,863			
Pickens	55,550	51,737	4,380	4,713	3,425	3,282	4,006	4,724	5,122	4,796	4,985	4,943	4,429			
Pike	88,946	83,838	6,722	7,230	5,631	6,066	7,689	8,420	9,436	8,411	9,542	10,582	9,512			
Randolph	55,212	54,925	4,769	5,473	4,376	4,483	5,396	5,139	5,399	5,249	5,740	5,756	6,158			
Russell	92,012	85,486	7,780	8,845	6,991	7,378	8,713	9,176	9,850	9,871	11,376	12,346	11,142			
St. Clair	105,105	105,453	8,525	9,141	8,139	9,021	10,908	12,113	13,225	13,874	15,143	14,439	14,077			
Shelby	262,248	261,472	21,559	22,598	19,238	18,370	23,908	25,959	27,577	28,824	26,130	27,337	27,242			
Sumter	35,672	34,465	2,551	3,183	2,474	2,552	2,844	2,921	3,004	3,213	3,356	3,143	3,143			
Talladega	227,798	219,173	17,778	19,303	16,832	16,044	19,138	19,300	22,703	21,401	25,541	25,019	24,383			
Tallapoosa	125,921	122,749	10,422	11,435	9,348	9,634	11,180	12,046	12,721	12,832	14,060	13,708	13,789			
Tuscaloosa	546,744	552,075	47,404	53,034	43,285	41,589	49,621	51,079	52,860	57,120	63,538	66,343	67,387			
Walker	265,814	286,965	22,973	24,844	21,816	21,432	24,830	25,490	26,931	25,669	29,604	29,709	29,876			
Washington	32,035	38,930	2,372	2,440	2,215	2,029	2,691	2,253	2,422	2,302	2,584	2,347	2,352			
Wilcox	33,877	35,627	2,910	3,095	2,586	2,727	3,121	3,083	3,145	3,134	3,444	3,496	3,324			
Winston	65,605	64,854	5,157	5,263	4,440	4,495	5,502	5,864	6,102	6,664	7,329	7,926	7,166			
Statewide ¹	3,600,377	4,185,970	376,675	426,315	287,551	294,386	353,006	325,161	332,174	315,325	445,084	436,259	445,200			
BUILDING ACTIVITY ²																
Alabama total																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	832,986	712,696	49,714	68,161	53,990	51,726	84,232	72,068	108,222	72,677	93,959	120,559	96,165	86,676	162,881	
Residential	296,838	237,082	18,975	18,021	25,652	25,793	43,724	40,009	47,803	32,005	39,580	47,066	34,835	43,819	42,063	
Nonresidential	280,294	300,343	19,385	40,757	16,128	16,572	20,153	17,120	34,301	20,565	26,714	35,834	29,816	19,695	95,659	
In selected cities																
Anniston																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	8,062	5,965	362	422	439	445	674	791	850	905	826	895	794	818	718	
Residential	3,089	2,700	250	239	289	271	417	312	341	346	306	309	263	268	261	
Nonresidential	1,819	442						112	96	112	92	124	106	109	101	
Birmingham																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	152,790	109,048	6,510	28,748	10,220	2,369	11,394	5,671	23,569	8,012	7,729	14,059	30,767	9,844	83,104	
Residential	31,815	13,918	565	845	495	690	7,607	977	9,643	1,221	1,378	1,317	2,529	4,275	904	
Nonresidential	34,576	61,839	2,628	27,027	7,013	1,133	1,580	1,098	2,177	1,911	1,855	7,416	12,498	767	70,397	
Decatur																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	18,048	8,551	652	716	648	1,826	1,129	1,073	1,154	1,235	1,167	1,367	1,424	1,278	1,094	
Residential	5,447	2,937	190	170	230	152	307	713	722	770	741	918	995	862	663	
Nonresidential	10,157	3,812	285	386	272	70	603	123	163	177	150	155	156	140	116	
Dothan																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	17,578	28,821	1,870	2,206	1,299	841	2,162	899	696	1,073	1,368	1,340	700	3,402	2,000	
Residential	4,982	5,626	289	450	458	450	884	568	326	475	350	366	316	2,412	1,000	
Nonresidential	4,394	9,720	1,359	1,217	345	88	973	230	59	176	468	319	40	367	1,000	
Gadsden																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	8,035	10,429	468	1,137	1,359	254	981	395	1,351	529	4,695	354	549	550	1,000	

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982		1983										
	1981	1982	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
BUILDING ACTIVITY—CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	49,867	52,352	4,017	2,861	4,057	3,297	7,692	10,648	7,877	6,777	6,275	6,829	6,315	6,326	5,764
Residential	14,560	15,363	1,607	1,363	2,492	2,061	4,125	4,797	3,407	2,568	2,473	2,354	2,081	2,108	2,278
Nonresidential	16,266	22,178	1,815	960	487	489	1,940	5,301	3,265	2,542	2,206	2,762	2,662	2,596	2,170
Quad Cities ⁽¹⁾															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	29,011	18,563	1,238	781	798	856	977	718	1,247	1,244	1,612	1,361	1,250	852	1,360
Residential	11,429	7,481	1,027	780	668	502	711	341	451	640	473	513	623	428	874
Nonresidential	8,453	5,722	3		56	340	45	246	176	261	737	705	380	337	123
Selma															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	4,546	2,757	72	25	248	1,049	105	184	635	115	336	103	901	67	98
Residential	1,027	987	25		8		25	63	125	50		20			65
Nonresidential	1,029	1,739	10	6		18	22	19	384	10	275	20	18	30	1
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	17,343	21,418	1,023	771	2,323	1,869	3,672	1,458	3,023	3,600	2,862	3,340	3,777	1,814	1,806
Residential	4,956	6,592	301	427	590	1,402	2,697	850	1,674	1,205	2,338	1,194	1,378	396	717
Nonresidential	6,617	8,408	41	135	1,309	209	84	187	424	569	187	1,221	711	527	599

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. ⁽¹⁾Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data. ⁽²⁾Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data. These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of F. W. Dodge Div., McGraw-Hill Information Co. ⁽³⁾End-of-month balance. Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition. ⁽⁴⁾These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data. ⁽⁵⁾Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year. ⁽⁶⁾Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Dock, excludes tonnage for military installations. ⁽⁷⁾Excludes sales to federal government. These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of R. L. Polk and Company. ⁽⁸⁾Retail sales data represent sales at retail as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1977 are not available for the new series. Birmingham and Huntsville MSA sales data after June 1983 are not directly comparable with earlier data because county designations were changed. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total. ⁽⁹⁾Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census; the sum of monthly figures may not equal annual total. "Total" construction includes additions and alterations, therefore, is not a sum of residential nonresidential. ⁽¹⁰⁾Quad Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tusculum.

Embargo Continues

The embargo on updates to monthly retail trade which was put in force in the February issue continues with this issue. The reasons that make this action necessary were stated here in the February issue. In brief, the problem concerns inconsistencies in the data brought by a change in Alabama's sales tax reporting form. CBER is working to resolve this situation and will restore the data as quickly as possible.

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The Economy in Perspective

Alabama Tourism and the 1984 World Exposition

On May 12 the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition opens its doors in New Orleans. The fair, focusing on the problems and opportunities of providing sufficient fresh water for all people, will feature at least twenty-four international exhibitors and many private industry contributions. Approximately 11 million visitors are expected to attend the exposition before it closes November 11.

Alabama's Bureau of Publicity and Information has developed a campaign to promote the state to the 3.5 to 5 million people expected to travel its interstate highways on the way to the fair. Captioned "Alabama -- the way to go," the campaign touts Alabama as a direct route with good highways, less traffic, and lots of hospitality for travelers to the World Exposition or to such Florida attractions as Walt Disney World. According to Ed Hall, director of the Bureau, this has been a well-coordinated statewide campaign involving almost every city and community.

One major aspect of Alabama's contribution will be its support for an Amtrak train to run between Mobile and New Orleans. Governor George Wallace was instrumental in securing the operation of the train, which will run for the duration of the exposition. The \$1 million subsidy required will be split among Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi. The state's efforts also include publication of a new tourist book. State parks have been spruced up. And Alabama's welcome centers have geared up with staff retraining and complete tourist information. As a convenience, the centers will make reservations at hotels within the state on request. The Highway Department has joined in the effort by orienting state troopers and making certain that highways are in top shape.

While cities on the primary interstate corridors will benefit

most from World Exposition travelers, many other cities are involved in community improvement and advertising campaigns and are expected to reap some of the benefits. A number of cities are offering special discount coupon books, available by mail or at the welcome centers. And many new information brochures have been printed.

First target of the statewide promotional campaign has been the group travel market, with advertising placed in major travel trade papers and meeting and convention publications. These groups book well in advance and already the investment has paid off handsomely, according to Mr. Hall. Hotel reservations in Mobile for the six months of the fair are up 300 percent over the same period last year. Montgomery and Huntsville also report substantial increases in reservations.

In January the state began the second phase of its advertising, targeting the individual traveler. Ads for Alabama and for individual cities and attractions are appearing in such consumer magazines as *Southern Living* and *Saturday Evening Post* and will continue at least until June. In addition, editorial support for Alabama tourism has been strong.

State officials have been very pleased with the cooperative promotional effort within the state and with the tourist response. The project is expected to reap benefits beyond the duration of the Louisiana World Exposition. The state now has a wealth of up-to-date tourist information. Increased awareness of Alabama's attractions and positive exposure should result in future tourism gains in the state. And improvement projects undertaken by the state and its cities as part of the campaign will yield long-term improvement in the quality of life for Alabama's citizens.

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1982		1983											
	1982	1983	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
INDUSTRIAL																
Bituminous coal production ¹ (1,000 net tons)	25,869	23,071	1,664	1,965	1,858	1,914	2,017	1,907	1,759	1,667	2,004	1,937	2,150	2,044	1,849	
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	133,892	126,576	11,590	12,165	10,832	11,423	11,429	10,399	10,301	10,189	10,541	9,028	10,409	10,453	9,407	
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	320,808	355,958	26,680	25,851	29,560	33,442	29,988	31,724	32,494	24,507	33,557	31,394	30,597	29,370	23,474	
Crude oil and condensate production ² (1,000 barrels)	20,011	18,708	1,742	1,732	1,511	1,603	1,561	1,564	1,525	1,596	1,592	1,435	1,522	1,569	1,499	
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh.)	21,431	21,020	1,499	1,571	1,649	1,621	1,702	1,753	1,797	1,756	1,963	1,892	1,818	1,799	1,698	
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	5,419	6,166	406	484	424	517	506	556	554	561	505	511	559	510	479	
CONSTRUCTION																
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined ³ (\$1,000)	2,011,200	2,787,900	169,400	143,300	141,600	253,800	225,500	293,500	327,100	160,400	219,900	242,200	278,600	291,000	211,000	
Residential	847,200	1,302,000	59,300	75,600	69,700	104,500	107,700	123,400	125,700	100,500	101,300	162,200	138,100	97,300	96,000	
Nonresidential	660,000	1,028,200	45,600	50,500	53,600	93,000	74,400	128,000	111,900	45,300	73,300	45,400	108,000	162,000	82,800	
Public works and utilities	504,000	456,800	64,400	17,200	18,300	56,400	43,100	41,700	89,300	14,700	45,400	34,400	32,700	31,400	32,200	
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	928	1,086	71	60	62	92	85	85	116	102	116	101	108	92	67	
FINANCE																
Savings in savings and loan associations ⁴ (\$1,000,000)	4,598	5,263	4,598	4,668	4,724	4,830	4,951	4,993	5,063	5,096	5,125	5,158	5,191	5,204	5,263	
Tax collections (\$1,000)	2,112,332	2,288,165	154,150	177,787	174,477	189,042	192,932	218,607	189,144	173,150	191,429	219,553	186,326	221,579	154,139	
Total	52,016	52,214	1,492	443	861	15,688	7,306	1,145	2,777	7,524	2,253	7,300	4,430	1,980	507	
Franchise	197,894	199,587	15,907	17,274	15,813	14,001	17,681	16,303	17,158	17,252	17,182	17,874	16,536	16,469	16,044	
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	765,160	815,838	49,032	45,667	79,861	76,745	49,511	108,834	80,633	36,785	81,341	81,667	38,160	83,559	53,073	
Income	41,505	45,027	3,448	2,967	3,658	3,049	3,763	3,901	3,136	3,206	4,195	3,383	4,189	5,673	3,906	
Motor fuels	36,891	89,645	2,953	4,238	2,964	4,871	5,691	6,447	6,193	5,131	5,298	5,168	5,106	34,115	4,424	
Oil gas privilege	18,510	17,290	1,468	1,504	1,485	1,808	1,362	1,823	1,541	1,319	1,319	1,331	1,314	1,339	1,146	
Oil gas production	562,208	609,132	49,258	56,835	43,331	44,491	48,128	52,546	52,347	51,650	52,961	51,526	51,888	53,500	49,930	
Sales	44,104	46,185	35	10,560	135	147	10,636	110	48	10,738	61	3,548	10,134	63	6	
2.2% Gross receipts	35,999	31,290	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,911	2,867		2,867	
TVA electric	70,885	68,915	5,849	6,864	4,692	4,881	5,411	5,599	6,536	6,035	5,426	5,906	6,030	5,454	6,081	
Tobacco	67,876	66,519	1,017	14,086	2,039	960	14,062	1,239	816	14,707	1,097	643	15,021	1,389	459	
Use	134,597	152,287	16,079	12,180	12,368	13,717	12,152	11,461	10,751	10,617	11,747	12,838	22,053	11,324	11,079	
Utility																
PRICES																
Consumer Price Index, U.S. ⁵ (1967 = 100)	288.8	298.4	292.0	293.1	293.2	293.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	
All items	285.7	291.7	286.5	288.1	289.0	290.5	291.9	292.4	292.0	292.2	292.6	292.9	292.9	292.5	293.9	
Food	314.7	323.1	316.3	317.9	318.5	318.6	320.3	321.8	323.1	324.5	324.8	326.4	326.8	327.0	327.4	
Housing	350.8	370.3	364.1	365.4	364.6	363.8	363.6	369.3	373.6	375.5	375.1	376.4	374.4	371.3	370.6	
Fuel and utilities	191.8	196.5	193.6	191.0	192.0	194.5	195.5	196.1	195.6	195.0	197.3	200.4	200.7	200.7	199.3	
Apparel and upkeep	291.5	298.4	294.8	293.0	289.9	287.4	292.3	298.2	298.3	300.4	302.4	303.7	305.0	306.3	306.3	
Transportation	328.7	357.3	344.3	347.8	351.3	352.3	353.5	354.3	355.4	357.7	360.0	361.2	362.9	364.9	366.2	
Medical care	416.0	419.3	419.9	414.5	406.7	399.9	410.0	421.3	427.3	430.1	428.9	429.3	425.1	419.9	418.0	
Energy																
Producer Price Index, U.S. ⁶ (1967 = 100)	299.3	303.1	300.7	299.9	300.9	300.6	300.6	301.5	302.4	303.2	304.7	305.3	306.3	306.6	306.0	
All commodities	312.3	315.8	315.2	313.9	313.9	313.5	312.4	313.6	315.3	316.5	317.3	317.2	318.7	318.3	318.4	
Industrial commodities																
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers (1977 = 100)	115.8	122.3	110.0	114.0	118.0	117.0	117.0	120.0	119.0	122.0	126.0	126.0	124.0	131.0	133.0	
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = \$1,000)																
As measured by																
Consumer prices	346	335	342	341	341	341	338	337	335	334	333	331	330	330	329	
Wholesale prices	334	330	333	333	332	333	333	332	331	330	328	328	326	327	327	
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT																
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	171.0	1,744.8	1,720.2	1,731.5	1,740.4	1,739.8	1,732.7	1,729.4	1,732.2	1,758.3	1,746.2	1,745.3	1,774.6	1,774.9	1,732.8	
Unemployment	247.0	235.1	266.9	289.9	284.1	261.9	236.6	225.0	222.2	232.0	214.3	214.5	220.7	223.1	197.0	
Unemployment rate	14.4	13.5	15.5	16.7	16.3	15.1	13.7	13.0	12.8	13.2	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.6	11.4	
Employment	1,466.0	1,509.7	1,453.3	1,441.6	1,456.3	1,477.9	1,496.1	1,504.4	1,510.0	1,526.3	1,531.9	1,530.8	1,553.9	1,551.8	1,535.8	
Nonagricultural	1,312.5	1,318.4	1,299.8	1,282.9	1,285.6	1,294.4	1,312.4	1,320.9	1,331.6	1,332.0	1,323.7	1,326.5	1,334.8	1,336.6	1,336.6	
Manufacturing	337.8	338.2	326.3	323.8	326.6	329.7	334.5	337.8	340.9	337.4	344.8	345.5	346.0	346.3	345.6	
Durable goods	159.1	157.6	150.5	149.2	151.2	153.4	156.1	157.3	157.6	157.9	160.9	161.1	161.9	162.6	162.2	
Lumber and wood products	25.1	27.6	25.2	25.2	25.6	26.3	27.0	27.7	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.6	28.4	28.3	
Stone, clay, glass products	8.6	8.7	8.2	8.0	8.3	8.5	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.6	
Primary metals	29.6	24.8	24.7	25.1	25.0	24.8	25.1	25.0	24.7	24.3	24.9	24.5	24.6	24.6	24.8	
Blast furn. and steel works	8.8	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.1	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.5	6.1	
Iron and steel foundries	11.4	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.4	10.3	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.5	9.9	
Fabricated metals	22.8	21.7	21.8	21.1	20.7	21.3	21.4	21.5	21.4	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.4	22.4	
Machinery (incl. electrical)	34.3	33.5	33.6	32.4	32.6	32.8	33.1	33.2	33.4	33.5	33.9	33.9	34.0	34.4	34.4	
Transportation	22.6	21.5	21.3	20.9	21.1	21.6	21.4	21.2	19.9	20.2	21.8	22.0	22.6	22.7	22.4	
Other durable goods	16.0	17.2	15.7	15.0	16.0	16.1	17.0	17.2	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.1	
Nondurable goods	178.8	180.6	175.8	174.6	175.4	176.3	178.4	180.5	183.3	179.5	183.9	184.4	184.1	183.7	183.4	
Food	26.5	28.9	26.2	26.2	26.1	26.3	26.5	26.8	27.2	27.3	27.4	27.4	27.5	27.2	27.1	
Textile mill products	38.8	39.1	38.4	37.8	37.7	37.8	38.7	38.8	39.6	37.6	39.6	40.2	40.3	40.3	40.4	
Apparel	53.0	54.3	52.2	51.9	52.7	52.5	53.0	54.4	55.6	53.8	55.4	56.0	55.5	55.4	55.1	
Paper and allied products	21.0	21.4	21.4	21.0	20.8	21.1	21.2	21.4	21.8	21.9	22.1	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.3	
Printing and publishing	10.2	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.5	
Chemicals and allied products	13.1	11.8	11.8	12.0	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.5	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.8	
Rubber products	13.8	14.6	13.5	13.4	13.9	14.3	14.8	14.7	14.7	14.8	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.1	
Other nondurable goods	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2.				

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Type of Activity	Annual		1982		1983											
	1982	1983	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.																
Other employment activity																
State Employment Service (number)	176,752	207,309	10,457	15,331	14,996	18,927	18,139	18,496	21,778	20,987	19,505	17,884	14,485	14,784	11,998	
Job applications	66,900	91,100	3,342	4,253	4,469	6,039	7,233	6,942	10,753	15,126	10,484	7,499	7,117	6,071	5,114	
Nonagricultural placements																
Unemployment compensation	632,290	428,181	53,339	77,765	35,542	36,556	30,468	26,892	25,293	49,017	29,803	24,506	27,873	28,728	35,738	
Initial benefit claims (number)	233,984	191,868	25,027	23,232	20,564	21,604	16,669	14,783	14,873	13,217	15,186	13,566	11,656	12,540	13,999	
Payments (\$1,000)																
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)																
Autauga	15,380	15,780	15,670	15,730	15,690	15,550	15,560	15,090	15,030	15,090	15,030	15,200	15,460	15,580	15,400	
Baldwin	14,7	14,1	19,1	19,4	18,0	16,5	16,2	13,2	12,9	12,0	11,3	12,3	12,5	13,0	12,0	
Barbour	33,640	33,830	33,880	34,080	34,090	34,000	33,750	33,700	34,010	34,790	34,140	33,790	34,650	35,000	34,990	
Bibb	12,0	12,3	14,1	14,3	14,1	12,7	11,5	11,4	10,5	11,6	10,8	11,5	11,5	12,2	12,6	
Blount	11,410	11,980	11,630	11,250	11,300	11,410	11,500	11,380	11,270	11,590	11,550	11,580	11,860	11,690	11,480	
Bullock	16,4	13,1	15,5	17,4	16,4	15,2	13,9	12,3	12,4	12,8	12,7	11,6	11,7	12,1	11,9	
Butler	5,640	5,940	5,710	5,880	5,840	5,860	5,750	5,670	5,720	5,550	5,520	5,550	5,600	5,680	5,630	
Calhoun	22,9	19,6	27,2	27,1	26,6	23,8	20,5	18,4	17,3	16,8	16,4	18,9	16,4	17,2	20,0	
Chambers	14,100	13,520	13,700	13,870	14,010	14,010	13,850	13,570	13,620	13,400	13,560	13,900	13,460	13,320	13,320	
Cherokee	19,7	18,1	21,8	23,0	21,3	18,9	17,5	17,2	17,2	17,6	15,2	15,3	14,9	15,9	14,9	
Chilton	4,310	4,530	4,440	4,110	4,140	4,160	4,240	4,360	4,360	4,510	4,510	4,670	4,820	4,700	4,470	
Clarke	18,5	17,2	22,3	21,2	20,5	18,6	15,5	14,6	16,9	19,2	18,4	15,6	15,3	16,4	16,6	
Catoosa	10,020	9,900	10,210	9,770	9,810	9,970	9,700	9,750	9,740	9,930	9,820	9,880	10,300	10,090	9,900	
Clay	20,1	17,3	22,4	21,9	21,1	21,2	17,2	16,5	16,7	16,5	15,3	14,3	16,0	14,5	12,9	
Cleburne	45,810	46,560	46,110	45,900	46,570	46,560	45,800	45,870	46,230	46,920	46,850	46,420	47,190	47,080	47,500	
Conecuh	15,0	13,1	13,3	15,2	15,6	14,3	12,7	13,2	12,7	12,2	11,5	11,1	12,2	11,7	12,1	
Cook	16,170	16,920	15,840	16,500	16,400	16,360	16,330	16,600	16,920	16,820	16,470	16,880	16,830	16,780	16,780	
Crenshaw	11,4	9,8	11,9	12,8	11,9	10,2	9,2	9,0	9,5	10,6	9,4	8,1	9,3	9,1	8,5	
Cullman	11,300	11,400	11,930	10,930	10,820	10,810	11,190	11,340	11,050	10,710	10,550	11,390	11,620	11,430	11,420	
Dale	14,9	15,4	14,0	16,7	25,2	22,3	14,7	12,1	12,4	18,5	17,2	10,4	14,4	11,4	12,4	
Dallas	13,480	15,420	13,900	14,200	14,130	14,140	14,200	14,260	13,920	14,190	14,240	14,320	14,690	14,630	14,470	
DeKalb	15,6	13,3	19,4	20,0	18,6	16,1	14,5	13,9	12,6	11,9	11,7	11,9	11,7	12,3	12,1	
Elmore	5,230	5,560	5,400	5,380	5,430	5,440	5,590	5,590	5,580	5,870	5,660	5,540	5,630	5,610	5,560	
Fayette	15,4	15,2	15,1	18,9	16,2	14,3	15,5	15,6	14,8	17,3	13,8	13,0	13,1	12,3	14,0	
Franklin	10,470	10,810	10,500	10,710	10,970	10,940	10,940	10,940	10,940	10,940	10,940	10,940	10,940	10,940	10,940	
Geneva	15,7	16,2	19,0	18,3	19,2	17,9	15,9	15,7	16,9	15,7	14,0	13,6	13,8	14,6	14,9	
Hale	7,460	7,520	7,520	7,590	7,550	7,660	7,670	7,760	7,760	7,760	7,760	7,760	7,760	7,760	7,760	
Henry	13,4	13,8	15,7	17,0	14,3	13,0	12,1	13,9	13,5	15,5	11,7	11,5	11,5	11,9	11,2	
Houston	5,080	5,210	5,340	5,170	5,190	5,180	5,170	5,160	5,080	5,090	5,010	5,190	5,240	5,220	5,200	
Jackson	14,5	12,5	12,8	16,5	16,0	13,9	15,3	12,3	12,3	9,8	9,1	10,3	10,2	10,5	10,5	
Jefferson	19,490	20,040	18,220	20,160	20,370	20,310	20,320	20,560	20,220	20,480	20,600	20,810	20,960	20,840	20,660	
Lamar	11,8	10,8	14,5	14,0	13,2	12,4	10,6	10,0	9,2	9,7	9,2	8,9	8,9	9,5	10,2	
Lauderdale	23,540	24,050	23,660	23,980	24,160	24,310	24,010	23,620	23,540	23,960	23,910	23,770	24,110	24,170	24,280	
Lawrence	19,0	18,5	19,7	22,1	21,9	21,1	19,5	17,5	16,7	17,3	16,5	16,5	16,5	16,4	16,6	
Lee	6,740	7,010	7,370	6,570	6,650	6,910	6,780	6,790	6,760	6,880	6,790	6,830	6,900	6,940	7,060	
Limestone	14,0	12,7	14,1	13,0	13,2	14,9	13,2	12,1	11,6	11,6	10,9	12,8	12,2	13,2	15,0	
Lowndes	5,640	5,570	5,740	5,620	5,580	5,580	5,630	5,770	5,490	5,710	5,830	5,770	5,800	5,840	5,780	
Madison	10,7	10,3	11,8	12,8	12,0	11,1	10,5	10,6	9,6	10,5	8,9	8,1	8,0	8,7	8,3	
Marion	15,440	16,340	16,000	15,630	15,890	15,890	16,110	16,080	16,040	16,370	16,450	16,480	16,550	16,670	16,410	
Marshall	13,7	12,3	12,7	14,6	14,5	12,9	11,6	10,7	10,0	14,3	12,2	11,5	10,9	10,5	9,3	
Meigs	16,330	17,430	15,840	16,320	16,940	16,420	16,700	16,700	16,940	17,260	16,750	16,880	17,020	17,260	17,360	
Milledgeville	13,2	12,6	13,7	13,7	12,9	12,1	12,6	12,6	12,2	13,0	12,2	11,8	12,2	13,4	13,8	
Morgan	42,740	42,450	44,110	43,240	42,920	42,810	41,730	41,600	41,220	41,920	41,800	41,460	42,230	42,510	42,320	
Murray	20,5	17,5	23,1	23,9	22,8	21,8	18,0	16,4	15,9	16,1	15,0	14,5	15,0	15,6	14,8	
Nassau	9,880	10,170	10,280	9,920	10,120	10,090	10,140	10,140	10,120	10,160	10,220	10,390	10,580	10,530	10,430	
Newton	11,4	11,7	11,3	13,5	13,5	13,8	12,8	10,8	9,7	10,8	10,3	10,9	10,1	10,2	10,4	
North	13,50	14,200	13,290	13,680	13,690	13,720	13,810	13,780	14,180	14,700	14,430	14,530	14,620	14,660	14,440	
Oglethorpe	18,4	18,2	23,1	23,5	21,2	19,1	16,4	14,3	15,1	22,8	15,2	16,2	16,3	18,0	17,7	
Oconee	10,910	11,400	11,060	10,970	11,130	11,310	11,440	11,750	11,530	11,470	11,830	12,030	12,540	12,320	12,280	
Ocmulgee	11,3	10,5	11,3	13,3	12,5	11,6	10,0	10,1	9,1	10,1	9,2	8,4	8,5	8,8	9,9	
Oneida	4,610	4,610	4,510	4,580	4,630	4,790	4,660	4,610	4,560	4,610	4,540	4,660	4,750	4,700	4,650	
Opelika	16,9	16,7	19,1	21,6	20,6	22,5	16,6	14,6	14,4	14,1	13,3	13,3	13,1	14,1	16,2	
Osborne	5,040	5,310	4,950	5,060	5,090	5,000	5,030	5,080	5,010	5,340	4,950	5,110	5,280	5,180	5,180	
Pack	20,6	16,6	21,3	22,4	20,8	17,7	15,6	14,8	14,5	18,3	13,6	13,7	14,1	16,8	20,1	
Panola	6,990	7,260	6,920	6,710	6,800	7,000	7,230	7,400	7,130	7,130	7,050	7,290	7,550	7,330	7,050	
Parmer	12,2	11,2	11,4	13,3	13,1	12,0	10,8	10,9	11,1	11,8	10,5	10,3	9,8	10,3	10,1	
Peach	38,960	40,070	39,820	38,500	38,890	39,220	39,480	39,340	40,200	39,580	40,280	40,810	40,480	40,400	40,110	
Perry	10,0	10,8	10,6	11,6	11,6	11,6	10,5	10,5	10,5	11,1	10,3	10,3	10,3	10,3	10,0	
Pike	21,050	20,800	21,170	21,270	21,300	21,220	20,870	20,530	20,140	21,100	20,190	21,120	21,660	21,290	21,140	
Poinsett	20,4	22,0	25,5	27,4	25,9	23,8	21,5	19,2	20,7	22,1						

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983												
	1982	1983	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)—continued															
Monroe	10,250	10,770	10,970	10,200	10,300	10,430	10,580	10,500	10,550	10,700	10,700	10,720	10,940	11,050	11,010
Montgomery	89,880	92,650	87,610	88,130	89,040	89,500	88,630	88,520	89,420	90,480	90,370	90,710	92,570	93,210	92,300
Morgan	37,400	37,990	37,980	37,450	37,140	37,010	36,800	37,140	37,420	37,980	37,640	37,550	37,840	37,890	37,640
Perry	5,200	5,860	5,570	5,630	5,580	5,680	5,660	5,800	5,800	5,920	5,910	5,890	5,980	6,000	5,960
Pickens	16.9	14.8	24.4	19.7	15.5	14.2	14.0	13.2	13.7	13.1	13.0	11.9	11.8	17.0	20.5
Pike	13,230	13,770	13,400	13,520	13,720	13,740	13,760	13,960	13,760	13,920	13,820	14,070	14,590	14,390	13,400
Randolph	9,670	9,170	9,460	9,360	9,120	8,700	8,750	8,640	8,420	9,040	8,550	8,470	8,990	8,830	8,780
Russell	18,050	18,320	17,990	18,090	18,090	17,920	17,500	17,480	17,730	17,980	18,010	17,690	17,970	18,140	18,270
St. Clair	16.7	13.7	17.0	17.9	17.5	15.9	14.0	13.6	11.8	12.0	11.2	12.2	12.5	12.4	12.6
Shelby	29,910	30,510	30,490	30,260	30,230	30,210	29,820	30,100	29,810	30,340	30,360	30,190	30,650	30,690	30,630
Sumter	6,970	6,990	7,160	7,150	7,150	7,250	7,240	7,340	7,410	7,350	7,280	7,460	7,490	7,150	7,150
Talladega	30,630	32,030	31,260	31,230	31,220	30,980	30,530	30,570	30,180	30,400	30,380	30,090	30,500	30,220	30,140
Tallapoosa	17,250	16,580	16,980	17,330	17,240	17,360	17,070	17,110	17,650	18,230	17,810	17,550	17,840	17,920	18,070
Tuscaloosa	55,380	56,520	55,140	56,030	56,800	56,320	55,690	55,910	54,990	55,610	55,830	55,600	56,840	57,390	57,540
Walker	12.6	12.5	12.1	14.5	15.2	13.5	11.9	12.5	12.3	11.9	11.6	11.1	11.5	11.1	11.1
Washington	31,720	32,980	32,180	32,420	32,690	32,500	32,360	32,330	32,080	32,690	32,580	32,450	33,470	33,570	33,840
Wilcox	6,260	6,380	6,260	6,430	6,320	6,430	6,480	6,520	6,640	6,810	6,560	6,750	6,790	6,700	6,610
Winston	8,450	9,150	8,520	8,480	8,780	8,500	8,340	8,280	8,210	8,320	8,250	8,310	8,530	8,550	8,480
	22.6	18.6	23.9	25.7	27.6	22.1	18.8	17.3	17.2	17.8	17.1	16.3	17.5	18.8	19.0
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value (\$1,000)	551,093	643,182	26,764	68,870	42,897	39,541	61,067	72,807	49,281	33,162	70,692	22,392	85,365	50,213	46,894
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	8,142	6,288	591	447	370	308	651	560	353	343	819	430	826	757	423
Exports															
Value (\$1,000)	1,222,158	788,611	99,164	78,730	80,453	68,176	81,973	60,503	71,690	51,007	33,212	51,981	64,610	81,993	64,282
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	14,577	9,496	1,289	1,133	1,057	757	1,061	898	1,150	810	344	524	547	546	868
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile* (1,000 tons)	39,655	34,916	3,050	3,030	2,695	2,574	3,193	3,051	3,268	2,560	3,013	2,812	2,948	3,118	2,653
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (1,000,000 kWh.)	22,680	23,017	1,762	1,995	1,998	1,668	1,650	1,490	1,678	2,149	2,571	2,547	1,798	1,588	1,894
Gasoline sales* (1,000 gallons)	1,840,396	1,840,396	161,810	147,757	132,674	163,666	150,978	158,764	159,700	159,303	165,359	153,217	153,217	153,217	153,217
New passenger car registrations** (number)	100,717	122,393	9,205	8,018	8,462	9,326	9,544	11,620	10,660	11,039	10,012	11,288	10,378	10,295	11,751
Retail sales by kind of business, state totals* (\$1,000,000)															
Food	3,634	3,634	321	290	290	309	323	323	336	356	338	325	338	325	338
General stores with food and gas	331	331	28	25	24	28	29	29	32	30	29	28	29	28	29
General merchandise	2,292	2,292	312	123	150	192	204	171	163	190	198	194	194	194	194
Apparel	499	499	69	33	32	46	45	44	42	41	47	47	47	47	47
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	534	534	55	40	41	49	49	53	56	56	56	56	56	56	56
Automotive	2,690	2,690	226	208	221	285	294	313	336	343	358	349	349	349	349
Gasoline service stations	1,342	1,342	105	85	81	92	90	101	94	98	90	85	90	85	90
Lumber and building materials	778	778	61	54	56	73	76	90	97	98	114	111	111	111	111
Hardware and farm implements	351	351	30	23	24	34	34	39	42	41	42	42	42	42	42
Eating places	1,112	1,112	98	82	87	101	99	104	104	110	111	107	111	107	111
Drug stores	536	536	50	37	39	39	40	42	36	38	35	37	37	37	37
All other retail	2,433	2,433	255	161	163	203	201	235	238	216	236	232	232	232	232
Total sales by retail concerns	16,530	16,530	1,616	1,161	1,209	1,450	1,483	1,542	1,575	1,607	1,663	1,615	1,615	1,615	1,615
Nonretail and unclassified															
concerns	4,749	4,749	399	336	321	392	357	394	403	377	392	415	415	415	415
Total all sales at retail	21,279	21,279	2,015	1,497	1,530	1,442	1,841	1,936	1,978	1,985	2,055	2,030	2,030	2,030	2,030
Retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties* (\$1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston	432,037	432,037	40,978	30,099	31,094	37,560	37,700	39,448	42,513	49,304	51,054	48,924	48,924	48,924	48,924
Birmingham	5,604,600	5,604,600	534,536	405,797	407,194	498,000	503,026	523,112	542,315	543,358	577,490	602,301	602,301	602,301	602,301
Dothan										64,180	67,277	62,625	62,625	62,625	62,625
Florence	571,705	571,705	56,257	34,813	35,858	44,376	47,505	48,245	50,479	63,605	65,598	63,784	63,784	63,784	63,784
Gadsden	395,827	395,827	35,395	28,096	27,916	33,235	33,730	37,465	40,473	48,920	51,281	48,596	48,596	48,596	48,596
Huntsville	1,064,650	1,064,650	79,727	63,129	64,696	75,670	75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,281	111,714	111,714	111,714	111,714
Mobile	2,131,321	2,131,321	198,501	151,625	148,825	178,187	172,423	186,646	195,871	233,943	240,731	217,431	217,431	217,431	217,431
Montgomery	1,224,760	1,224,760	117,205	90,567	93,802	110,391	113,913	118,305	127,634	144,442	152,919	147,640	147,640	147,640	147,640
Tuscaloosa	552,075	552,075	53,034	43,285	41,589	49,621	51,079	52,860	57,120	63,538	68,343	67,387	67,387	67,387	67,387
Counties															
Autauga	107,927	107,927	9,384	7,820	8,284	9,694	9,681	10,388	10,966	9,939	9,677	9,116	9,116	9,116	9,116
Baldwin	366,715	366,715	29,025	21,223	21,810	27,273	27,431	30,674	32,386	39,626	38,691	33,665	33,665	33,665	33,665
Barbour	62,778	62,778	5,470	4,466	4,521	5,091	5,366	6,353	5,603	6,977	6,872	6,871	6,871	6,871	6,871
Bibb	27,761	27,761	2,944	2,134	1,988	2,306	2,381	2,466	2,842	4,016	4,135	3,810	3,810	3,810	3,810
Blount	80,384	80,384	6,778	5,787	5,816	6,802	6,399	7,016	7,639	8,335	8,757	8,797	8,797	8,797	8,797
Bullock	59,766	59,766	6,349	5,980	5,761	2,347	2,873	2,666	2,769	3,030	2,739	2,915	2,915	2,915	2,915
Butler	61,385	61,385	5,976	4,913	4,716	5,309	5,364	5,924	5,792	7,567	7,599	7,367	7,367	7,367	7,367
Chilton	432,037	432,037	40,978	30,099	31,094	37,560	37,700	39,448	42,513	49,304	51,054	48,924	48,924	48,924	48,924
Chambers	91,694	91,694	8,054	7,121	6,960	8,411	8,178	8,585	8,776	11,567	11,279	11,337	11,337	11,337	11,337
Cherokee	52,267	52,267	4,458	3,439	3,696	4,595	4,797	4,913	5,369	5,360	4,744	4,789	4,789	4	

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983												
	1982	1983	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	296,642	.....	25,568	15,668	15,934	19,077	21,312	21,378	22,668	26,623	27,641	27,485	.....	.....	.....
Conecuh	34,109	.....	2,896	2,310	2,632	2,968	3,327	3,317	3,364	3,912	4,025	3,911	.....	.....	.....
Coosa	20,855	.....	1,646	1,234	1,343	1,438	1,315	1,551	1,553	1,528	1,654	1,500	.....	.....	.....
Covington	140,800	.....	12,200	9,874	10,147	12,394	13,203	13,898	14,070	15,396	16,540	15,128	.....	.....	.....
Crenshaw	32,420	.....	2,636	2,407	2,622	2,837	3,214	3,370	3,430	3,263	3,237	3,072	.....	.....	.....
Cullman	248,962	.....	20,837	18,596	17,214	21,470	22,800	24,572	25,274	26,934	28,844	26,708	.....	.....	.....
Dale	97,392	.....	8,789	6,939	6,630	8,059	8,450	9,203	9,138	10,789	10,809	10,090	.....	.....	.....
Dallas	188,352	.....	16,686	12,389	12,311	14,659	15,999	17,506	17,583	20,057	21,239	19,629	.....	.....	.....
DeKalb	171,545	.....	15,146	10,222	10,360	12,382	13,231	14,017	15,364	17,373	17,434	16,975	.....	.....	.....
Elmore	82,262	.....	6,985	5,690	6,260	6,853	7,370	7,784	7,758	10,675	10,428	9,817	.....	.....	.....
Escambia	133,511	.....	12,888	9,786	9,806	12,191	12,100	12,990	13,067	14,431	15,013	13,897	.....	.....	.....
Etowah	395,827	.....	35,395	28,066	27,916	33,235	33,730	37,465	40,473	48,920	51,281	48,586	.....	.....	.....
Fayette	85,349	.....	8,235	6,419	6,144	7,627	7,436	7,809	8,057	7,172	7,453	7,199	.....	.....	.....
Franklin	86,964	.....	7,560	6,026	6,209	7,618	8,320	8,811	9,024	11,022	10,532	10,287	.....	.....	.....
Geneva	146,372	.....	13,053	12,536	11,895	12,848	13,497	14,304	13,751	14,083	14,425	13,682	.....	.....	.....
Greene	21,917	.....	1,939	1,412	1,395	1,803	1,722	2,254	2,267	2,334	2,029	2,103	.....	.....	.....
Hale	35,115	.....	3,191	2,409	2,631	2,988	3,182	3,330	3,949	4,212	3,965	4,090	.....	.....	.....
Henry	40,210	.....	3,452	2,779	2,767	3,403	3,884	3,994	3,887	3,870	3,528	3,890	.....	.....	.....
Houston	430,944	.....	41,807	33,510	33,236	40,242	42,059	42,876	44,756	53,391	56,468	52,535	.....	.....	.....
Jackson	147,971	.....	12,261	9,432	10,571	12,836	12,510	13,826	14,506	16,639	16,577	16,068	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson	4,911,771	.....	471,175	350,817	352,555	431,552	433,065	448,400	486,509	464,146	497,248	522,309	.....	.....	.....
Lamar	37,354	.....	4,159	2,807	2,537	2,923	3,168	3,481	3,490	3,662	3,993	3,912	.....	.....	.....
Lauderdale	275,063	.....	30,689	19,145	19,924	25,299	26,193	26,867	27,811	36,982	37,957	36,299	.....	.....	.....
Lawrence	64,612	.....	5,579	4,511	4,057	4,982	5,384	5,767	6,220	7,017	7,036	6,692	.....	.....	.....
Lee	291,706	.....	26,086	20,468	22,057	26,366	26,569	28,742	30,099	32,450	33,684	35,165	.....	.....	.....
Limestone	148,159	.....	13,292	9,395	9,417	12,346	12,732	12,806	14,140	16,625	16,602	16,335	.....	.....	.....
Lowndes	23,153	.....	2,037	1,622	1,557	1,793	1,997	2,128	1,871	2,232	1,766	1,870	.....	.....	.....
Macon	42,696	.....	3,138	2,754	2,950	3,369	3,655	4,030	4,098	5,012	4,782	4,431	.....	.....	.....
Madison	859,741	.....	79,727	63,129	64,696	75,670	75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,281	111,714	.....	.....	.....
Marengo	87,042	.....	7,867	5,683	5,672	6,959	7,434	6,553	7,458	7,137	7,137	6,791	.....	.....	.....
Marion	69,720	.....	6,441	5,540	5,129	6,256	6,829	7,422	7,699	9,459	9,159	9,372	.....	.....	.....
Marshall	267,967	.....	24,348	19,349	20,189	24,655	26,811	28,876	29,248	35,289	37,497	36,544	.....	.....	.....
Mobile	1,764,606	.....	169,476	130,402	127,015	150,914	144,992	155,972	163,485	194,317	202,040	183,766	.....	.....	.....
Monroe	103,747	.....	8,675	7,364	7,834	9,431	9,134	9,382	9,504	10,284	11,549	10,899	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery	1,034,571	.....	100,836	77,057	79,258	93,844	96,862	100,133	108,890	123,828	132,814	128,707	.....	.....	.....
Morgan	476,700	.....	41,832	34,084	35,473	46,673	46,763	51,232	47,039	51,489	55,483	54,013	.....	.....	.....
Perry	28,382	.....	2,375	1,949	1,974	2,163	2,396	2,503	2,392	2,568	2,541	2,863	.....	.....	.....
Pickens	51,737	.....	4,713	3,423	3,262	4,006	4,724	5,122	4,766	4,985	4,943	4,439	.....	.....	.....
Pike	83,838	.....	7,230	5,631	6,066	7,689	8,420	9,436	8,411	9,542	10,582	9,512	.....	.....	.....
Randolph	54,925	.....	5,473	4,376	4,483	5,396	5,139	5,399	5,249	5,740	5,756	6,158	.....	.....	.....
Russell	95,486	.....	8,845	6,991	7,378	8,713	9,176	9,850	9,871	11,376	12,346	11,142	.....	.....	.....
St. Clair	105,453	.....	9,141	8,139	9,021	10,908	12,113	13,225	13,874	15,143	14,438	14,077	.....	.....	.....
Shelby	261,472	.....	22,598	19,238	18,370	23,908	25,959	27,540	28,824	28,130	27,337	27,242	.....	.....	.....
Sumter	34,465	.....	3,183	2,474	2,552	2,844	2,851	2,920	3,004	3,213	3,356	3,143	.....	.....	.....
Talladega	219,173	.....	19,303	16,832	16,044	19,138	19,300	22,703	21,401	25,541	25,019	24,383	.....	.....	.....
Tallapoosa	122,749	.....	11,435	9,348	9,634	11,186	12,046	12,721	12,832	14,060	13,709	13,783	.....	.....	.....
Tuscaloosa	552,075	.....	53,034	43,285	41,589	49,621	51,079	52,860	57,120	63,538	68,343	67,387	.....	.....	.....
Walker	296,965	.....	24,444	21,816	21,432	24,830	25,490	26,931	25,469	29,604	29,709	29,876	.....	.....	.....
Washington	29,920	.....	2,440	2,215	2,029	2,691	2,253	2,422	2,302	2,584	2,347	2,352	.....	.....	.....
Wilcox	35,627	.....	3,095	2,586	2,727	3,121	3,083	3,145	3,134	3,444	3,496	3,324	.....	.....	.....
Winston	64,854	.....	5,263	4,440	4,495	5,502	5,864	6,102	6,664	7,329	7,926	7,166	.....	.....	.....
Statewide ⁽¹⁾	4,185,970	.....	426,315	267,561	294,386	353,006	325,161	332,174	315,325	345,084	336,253	345,200	.....	.....	.....
BUILDING ACTIVITY ⁽²⁾															
Alabama total															
Building permits (\$1,000)	712,696	1,079,085	68,161	53,990	51,306	84,232	72,068	108,222	72,677	93,969	120,559	96,165	86,676	162,881	76,349
Total	237,082	449,881	18,021	25,652	25,793	43,724	40,009	47,803	32,006	39,580	47,066	34,836	43,819	42,063	27,533
Residential	300,343	366,127	40,757	16,128	16,272	20,153	17,120	34,301	20,565	26,714	35,834	29,816	19,695	95,659	33,868
Nonresidential	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits (\$1,000)	5,965	8,844	422	439	445	674	791	850	905	826	895	794	818	718	693
Total	2,700	3,583	239	269	271	417	312	341	346	306	309	263	268	261	231
Residential	442	932	.....	.....	.....	.....	112	96	112	92	124	106	109	101	81
Nonresidential	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Birmingham															
Building permits (\$1,000)	109,048	213,343	28,748	10,220	2,369	11,394	5,671	23,569	8,012	7,729	14,059	30,767	9,844	83,104	6,606
Total	13,918	31,921	845	495	690	7,607	977	9,643	1,221	1,378	1,317	2,529	4,275	904	886
Residential	61,839	108,370	27,027	7,013	1,133	1,580	1,098	2,177	1,911	1,855	7,416	12,498	767	70,397	526
Nonresidential	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decatur															
Building permits (\$1,000)	8,551	14,095	716	648	1,826	1,129	1,073	1,154	1,235	1,167	1,367	1,424	1,278	1,004	789
Total	2,937	7,340	170	230	152	307	713	722	770	741	918	996	862	663	287
Residential	3,812	2,156	388	272	70	603	123	163	177	150	155	156	140	116	32
Nonresidential	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dothan															
Building permits (\$1,000)	28,821	18,943	2,206	1,299	841	2,162	899	695	1,073	1,388	1,340	700	3,402	2,191	2,952
Total	5,626	7,760	450	458	450	884	568	326	475	350	366	316	2,412	805	351
Residential	9,720	6,339	1,217	345	88	973	230	59	176	468	319	40	367	1,127	2,146
Nonresidential	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gadsden															
Building permits (\$1,000)	10,429	13,596	1,137	1,359	254	981	395	1,351	529	4,695	354	549	550	1,389	1,189
Total	1,517	2,006	77	23	63	271	41	273	194	170	282	224	329	75	61
Residential	3,														

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982	1983											
	1982	1983	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	52,352	76,984	2,861	4,057	3,297	7,692	10,648	7,877	6,777	6,275	6,829	6,315	6,326	5,764	5,127
Residential	15,363	32,619	1,363	2,492	2,061	4,125	4,797	3,407	2,568	2,473	2,354	2,081	2,108	2,278	1,874
Nonresidential	22,178	28,264	960	487	489	1,940	5,301	3,265	2,542	2,205	2,762	2,652	2,596	2,170	1,856
Quad Cities¹															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	18,563	12,978	781	798	858	977	718	1,247	1,244	1,612	1,361	1,250	852	1,360	699
Residential	7,481	6,191	780	668	502	711	341	451	640	473	513	623	428	874	166
Nonresidential	5,722	3,506		56	340	45	246	176	261	737	705	380	337	123	100
Selma															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	2,757	4,197	25	248	1,049	105	184	635	115	336	103	901	67	98	356
Residential	987	157		8		25	63	125	30		20			65	20
Nonresidential	1,739	798	6		18	22	19	364	10	275	20	18	30	1	
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	21,418	30,159	771	2,323	1,869	3,672	1,458	3,023	3,600	2,862	3,340	3,777	1,814	1,809	613
Residential	6,592	14,849	427	590	1,402	2,697	850	1,674	1,205	2,338	1,194	1,378	396	717	407
Nonresidential	8,408	6,227	135	1,509	209	84	187	424	589	187	1,221	711	527	599	3

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. ¹Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data. ²Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data. ³These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of F. W. Dodge Div., McGraw-Hill Information Co. ⁴End-of-month balance. ⁵Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition. ⁶These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data. ⁷Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year. ⁸Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations. ⁹Excludes sales to federal government. ¹⁰These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of R. L. Polk and Company. ¹¹Retail sales data represent sales at retail as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1977 are not available for the new series. Birmingham and Huntsville MSA sales data after June 1983 are not directly comparable with earlier data because county designations were changed. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total. ¹²Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census; the sum of monthly figures may not equal annual total. "Total" construction includes additions and alterations, therefore, is not a sum of residential nonresidential. ¹³Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tusculumbia.

Census Bureau Reports 1981 Earnings of Working Couples

Earnings of married couples with both spouses working full time averaged \$34,560 in 1981, according to a study by the Commerce Department's Bureau of the Census. The study showed that average yearly earnings of all couples who reported earnings was \$25,550.

If both working spouses were in professional or managerial occupations, the average rose to \$39,170. No comparative figures are available for previous years.

Here are other facts from the study made in 1981:

- Wives working full time averaged \$13,070 compared \$23,800 for husbands.

- The wife earned more than her husband in 16 percent of the families where both spouses worked.
- Women with at least one child under age 18 accounted for about 55 percent of all wives working.

Since the data are from a survey, they are subject to sampling variability. The report carries a detailed explanation.

Copies of the report, *Earnings in 1981 of Married-Couple Families, by Selected Characteristics of Husbands and Wives*, Series P-23, No. 133, may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

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The Economy in Perspective

Understanding Alabama's Fossil Fuel Resources

(Editor's note: This is the first of two parts on the state's fossil fuel resources. Mrs. Watters' second installment concerns Alabama's crude oil, condensate, and natural gas resources and will appear next month.)

United States coal production began in earnest about 1830 with the era of the railroads, although there is evidence of a small amount of production as early as 1750. Coal was the major industrial and heating fuel in the United States from the late 1880s until the 1940s when oil and gas came into prominence. Today America's resurging interest in coal as a major fuel follows the trend in returning to domestic resources that have proven their value. Coal utilization can go beyond direct burning as fuel for heating and industry; it can be used to produce synthetic oil and gas. The demand for coal is expected to grow markedly as conversion techniques are developed, making the process competitive in the marketplace.

In general, coals in states east of the Mississippi River have higher energy values, contain less ash and moisture, and have slightly lower sulfur content than coals in other states. Alabama's coals average second in heating value, have the lowest average sulfur content, average the third lowest moisture content, and have the second lowest average ash content of the states east of the Mississippi. The quality of Alabama's coal as compared to other bituminous producing states east of the Mississippi is shown in the following table:

Average "As Received" Coal Chemical Analysis				
Leading Producer	Btu/lb	Sulfur (percent)	Moisture (percent)	Ash (percent)
Alabama	13,410	1.0	3.0	7.7
Illinois	11,260	2.9	10.5	10.6
Indiana	11,510	2.6	11.2	9.0
West Kentucky	12,140	3.6	6.3	9.9
East Kentucky	13,110	1.0	4.5	7.2
Ohio	12,070	2.8	6.4	10.1
West Pennsylvania	13,280	1.8	3.2	9.7
Tennessee	13,250	1.3	2.7	8.2
West Virginia	13,540	1.5	2.9	8.2

In 1983 coal mining was conducted in sixteen of Alabama's sixty-seven counties. Seven counties had both underground and surface mines. During fiscal 1983, Alabama coal produced underground was 9,942,484 tons while surface mine production was 12,752,355 tons. In calendar year 1983, coal production in the entire United States was approximately 774 million net tons, of which Alabama mines provided 2.9 percent. Although 22 million tons of coal were mined in Alabama during 1983, fewer than 8,000 people were employed in the coal mining industry.

Particularly noteworthy at the national level is the pattern of industrial coal consumption. In 1950 approximately 45 percent of all coal was consumed by industry. By 1960 the amount used to produce electricity and that used for industrial purposes were just about equal. Today, more than 81 percent of all coal consumed is used to produce electricity; less than 20 percent is used for industrial processes.

In the industrial sector, coal is used principally to coke, which in turn is used to smelt iron ore. The process of making coke from coal yields useful by-products, such as naphthas, coal tars, benzene, and other coal chemicals.

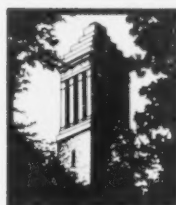
Coke producing plants are classified as furnace plants or as merchant plants. Furnace plants are those owned by iron and steel companies whose principal business is producing blast furnace coke for their own use. Merchant plants operate to produce coke for sale in the open market or are associated with either chemical companies or gas utilities. Coke production in Alabama has dropped sharply in recent years, down from 3,412 thousand short tons in 1980 to only 1,728 thousand short tons in 1982. Production in 1983 shows a continuation of the decline.

--Annette Jones Watters

Sources: State of Alabama, Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Safety and Inspection, *Statistical Annual Report Fiscal Year 1983*

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Understanding Alabama's Fossil Fuel Resources--Part II

By Annette Jones Watters

(Editor's Note: This is the second installment on the state's fossil fuel resources by Mrs. Watters. The first part appeared in the April issue and concerned Alabama's coal and coke resources.)

Most Americans know that oil is sold by the barrel and that motor gasoline is refined from crude oil. Yet many are unaware that a barrel of crude oil contains forty-two gallons, and that gasoline is only one of a number of products refined from it. In 1982 one barrel of crude oil typically yielded:

Product	Gallons	% of Barrel
Finished Motor Gasoline	19.40	46.2
Finished Aviation Gasoline	.08	.2
Liquefied Gases and Ethane	.92	2.2
Naphtha-Type Jet Fuel	.71	1.7
Kerosene-Type Jet Fuel	2.69	6.4
Kerosene	.38	.9
Distillate Fuel Oil	9.03	21.5
Residual Fuel Oil	3.70	8.8
Petrochemical Feedstocks	1.51	3.6
Special Naphthas	.17	.4
Lubricants	.50	1.2
Wax	.04	.1
Petroleum Coke	1.43	3.4
Asphalt and Road Oil	1.13	2.7
Still Gas	1.85	4.4
Miscellaneous	.29	.7
Yield	43.83	104.4
Processing Gain	(1.83)	(4.4)
Total Crude Oil	42.00	100.0

Still gas is any form or mixture of gas produced in refineries by distillation, cracking, reforming, and other processes. The principal constituents are methane, ethane, propane, propylene, butanes, butylene, etc. This definition excludes still gas as petrochemical feedstocks. Processing gain is the volumetric amount by which total output is greater than input. This difference is due to the processing of crude oil into products which, in total, have a lower specific gravity than the crude oil processed. Therefore, in terms of volume (barrels), the total output of products is greater than input.

Not all commodities come in forty-two-gallon barrels. For example, whiskey, flour, and apples are each transported in barrels of different sizes. The sizes of each barrel type were determined by the barrel makers, or coopers, who originally constructed them. When oil was first brought to the market in commercial quantities, it was shipped in whatever barrels were available. Price was set by the barrel, no matter what volume of oil the barrel contained. In 1866 the container for oil was universally standardized as the herring barrel, containing forty-two gallons. Legend has it that this number originated with King Edward IV of Norway, in the 15th century, when he decreed the standard volume of a herring barrel to be forty-two gallons.

Oil and gas activity in Alabama has substantially increased in recent years. In 1970 there were only 564 producing wells and 24 oil and gas fields and pools in the state. By 1982 the number of producing wells had increased to 1,214 and the number of fields and pools had increased to 155. Ninety-seven of these fields and pools are in the Black Warrior Basin region and the remaining 58 are in the Southwest Alabama region. Nineteen new oil and gas

fields and pools were established in 1982: 11 in the Black Warrior Basin region and 8 in the Southwest Alabama region. Mobile and Escambia counties are the heaviest producing counties in the state. Washington, Choctaw, Clarke, Monroe, and Baldwin counties make up the rest of the producing counties in the Southwest Alabama region. Lamar, Fayette, Walker, and Tuscaloosa counties have producing areas in the Black Warrior Basin region.

Some natural gas is found associated with crude oil. Natural gas is primarily methane, which is a colorless, odorless, flammable gas whose molecules consist of one carbon atom and four hydrogen atoms. It is found in underground porous rock formations surrounded by nonporous rock, thus trapping the gas. Crude oil, condensate, and natural gas occur in similar geological formations. The gas flows to the surface through drilled wells and is then treated to remove extraneous gases, if necessary. Condensate is so named because it is a gas at underground temperatures and pressures, but a liquid at the surface.

Natural gas is measured in cubic feet (at 14.73 pounds per square inch absolute pressure and 60 degrees Fahrenheit). The heat content of a cubic foot of natural gas may vary because of the presence of nonmethane gases. Usually a cubic foot of natural gas contains about 1,027 British thermal units.

Natural gas is transported from the processing plant to the consumer through a system of welded steel pipes. The United States has more than 260,000 miles of natural gas pipeline, mostly underground. Compressor stations located at intervals along the pipeline maintain a pressure high enough to keep the gas moving. Ships can also be used to transport natural gas if the gas is first cooled to minus 260 degrees Fahrenheit. This changes it to a liquid that takes up only 1/600 of the space compared to the gas. The liquefied natural gas can be loaded onto a specially insulated tanker and carried across the ocean.

In 1970 Alabama ranked twenty-first in the nation in the production of liquid hydrocarbons (oil and condensate) and twenty-sixth in the production of natural gas. By 1982 the state ranked eighteenth in the production of liquid hydrocarbons and sixteenth in the production of natural gas. In 1970 there were only 564 producing wells in the state: 552 oil wells, 2 gas wells, and 10 gas-condensate wells. By 1982 there were 1,214 producing wells statewide: 723 oil wells, 397 gas wells, and 94 gas-condensate wells. Production for the state in 1970 was approximately 7.3 million barrels of oil, 20 thousand barrels of condensate and 900 million cubic feet of gas. By 1982 Alabama's oil production was 8.1 million barrels, down 9 percent from 1981. Condensate production for the year was 11.9 million barrels, up 1 percent from 1981. Gas production in 1982 was 134.0 billion cubic feet, up 5 percent from 1981.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration estimates the proven reserves in Alabama, as of December 31, 1981, to be 55 million barrels of oil, 192 million barrels of condensate, and 683 billion cubic feet of gas. Alabama's annual production of natural gas and condensate continues to increase despite a national trend of declining domestic production.

Sources: Geological Survey of Alabama for the State Oil and Gas Board; *The Petroleum Industry in Alabama 1982* University, Alabama 1983
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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1983												1984
	1982	1983	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production ¹ (1,000 net tons)	25,869	23,071	1,965	1,858	1,914	2,017	1,907	1,759	1,667	2,004	1,937	2,150	2,044	1,849	2,181
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	133,892	128,576	12,165	10,832	11,423	11,429	10,399	10,301	10,189	10,541	9,028	10,409	10,453	9,407	10,962
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	320,808	360,820	25,851	29,560	33,442	29,988	31,724	32,494	24,507	33,557	31,394	30,597	29,370	28,336	32,516
Crude oil and condensate production ² (1,000 barrels)	20,011	18,708	1,732	1,511	1,603	1,561	1,564	1,525	1,596	1,592	1,435	1,522	1,569	1,499	1,624
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kWh)	21,431	21,020	1,571	1,649	1,621	1,702	1,753	1,797	1,756	1,963	1,892	1,818	1,799	1,698	1,827
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	5,419	6,166	484	424	517	506	556	554	561	505	511	559	510	479	532
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined ³ (\$1,000)	2,011,200	2,785,200	143,300	141,600	251,100	225,500	293,500	327,100	160,400	219,900	242,200	278,600	291,000	211,000	228,400
Residential	847,200	1,301,000	75,600	69,700	103,500	107,700	127,400	125,700	100,500	101,300	162,200	138,100	97,300	96,000	98,300
Nonresidential	660,000	1,026,400	50,500	53,600	91,200	74,400	128,000	111,900	45,300	73,300	45,400	108,000	162,000	82,800	112,300
Public works and utilities	504,000	456,900	17,200	18,300	56,500	43,100	41,700	89,300	14,700	45,400	34,400	32,700	31,400	32,200	17,700
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	928	1,086	90	62	92	85	85	116	102	116	101	108	92	67	68
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations* (\$1,000,000)	4,598	5,263	4,668	4,724	4,830	4,951	4,993	5,063	5,096	5,123	5,158	5,191	5,204	5,263	5,289
Tax collections (\$1,000)	2,112,332	2,288,165	177,787	174,477	189,042	192,932	218,607	189,144	173,150	191,429	219,553	186,326	221,579	154,139	205,929
Franchise	52,016	52,214	443	861	15,688	7,306	1,145	2,777	7,524	2,253	7,300	4,430	1,980	507	302
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	197,894	199,587	17,274	15,813	14,001	17,681	16,303	17,158	17,252	17,182	17,874	16,536	16,469	16,044	18,417
Income	765,160	815,838	45,667	79,861	76,745	49,511	108,834	80,633	36,785	81,341	81,667	38,160	83,559	53,073	49,125
Motor fuels	41,505	45,027	2,967	3,658	3,049	3,763	3,901	3,136	3,206	4,195	3,383	4,189	5,673	3,906	3,415
Oil gas privilege	36,891	89,645	4,238	2,964	4,871	5,691	6,447	6,193	5,131	5,298	5,168	5,106	34,115	4,424	5,742
Oil gas production	18,510	17,290	1,504	1,485	1,808	1,362	1,823	1,541	1,319	1,319	1,331	1,314	1,339	1,146	1,465
Sales	562,208	609,132	56,835	43,331	44,491	48,128	52,546	52,347	51,650	52,961	51,526	51,888	53,500	49,930	67,569
2 1/2 % Gross receipts	44,104	46,185	10,560	135	147	10,636	110	48	10,738	61	3,548	10,134	63	6	13,504
TVA electric	35,999	31,290	2,831	2,831	2,831	5,661	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,911	2,867	2,867	2,867	5,734
Tobacco	70,885	68,915	6,864	4,692	4,881	5,411	5,599	6,536	6,035	5,426	5,906	6,430	5,454	6,081	5,485
Use	67,876	66,519	14,086	2,039	960	14,062	1,239	816	14,707	1,097	643	15,021	1,389	459	15,067
Utility	134,597	152,287	12,180	12,968	13,717	12,152	11,461	10,751	10,617	11,747	12,838	22,053	11,324	11,079	14,760
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. ⁵ (1967 = 100)	288.8	298.4	293.1	293.2	293.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	305.2
All items	288.8	298.4	293.1	293.2	293.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	305.2
Food	285.7	291.7	288.1	289.0	290.5	291.9	292.4	292.0	292.0	292.2	292.6	292.9	292.5	293.9	293.4
Housing	314.7	323.1	317.9	318.5	318.6	320.3	321.8	323.1	324.5	324.8	326.4	326.8	327.0	327.4	329.2
Fuel and utilities	350.8	370.3	365.4	364.6	363.8	363.6	369.3	373.6	375.5	375.1	376.4	374.4	371.3	370.6	376.0
Apparel and upkeep	191.8	196.5	191.0	192.0	194.5	195.5	196.1	196.6	195.9	197.3	200.4	200.7	200.7	199.3	196.4
Transportation	291.5	298.4	293.0	289.9	287.4	292.3	296.2	298.3	300.4	302.4	303.7	305.0	306.3	306.3	306.0
Medical care	328.7	357.3	347.8	351.3	352.3	353.5	354.3	355.4	357.7	360.0	361.2	362.9	364.9	366.2	369.5
Energy	416.0	419.3	414.5	406.7	399.9	410.0	421.3	427.3	430.1	429.8	429.3	425.1	419.9	418.0	416.7
Producer Price Index, U.S. ⁶ (1967 = 100)	299.3	303.0	299.9	300.9	300.6	301.5	302.4	303.2	304.7	305.3	306.0	305.5	306.0	306.1	309.1
All commodities	299.3	303.0	299.9	300.9	300.6	301.5	302.4	303.2	304.7	305.3	306.0	305.5	306.0	306.1	309.1
Industrial commodities	312.3	315.7	313.9	313.9	313.5	312.4	313.6	315.3	316.5	317.3	317.1	318.5	318.3	318.4	319.2
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers (1977 = 100)	115.8	122.3	114.0	118.0	117.0	117.0	120.0	119.0	122.0	126.0	126.0	124.0	131.0	133.0	140.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = \$1,000)	As measured by														
Consumer prices	346	335	341	341	341	338	337	335	334	333	331	330	330	329	328
Wholesale prices	334	330	333	332	333	333	332	331	330	328	328	327	327	327	325
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,713.0	1,744.8	1,731.5	1,740.4	1,739.8	1,732.7	1,729.4	1,732.2	1,758.3	1,746.2	1,745.3	1,774.6	1,774.9	1,732.8	1,754.8
Unemployment	247.0	235.1	289.9	284.1	261.9	236.6	225.0	222.2	232.0	214.3	214.5	220.7	223.1	197.0	238.4
Unemployment rate	14.4	13.5	16.7	16.3	15.1	13.7	13.0	12.8	13.2	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.6	11.4	13.6
Employment	1,466.0	1,509.7	1,441.6	1,456.3	1,477.9	1,496.1	1,504.4	1,510.0	1,526.3	1,531.9	1,530.8	1,553.9	1,551.8	1,535.8	1,516.4
Nonagricultural	1,312.5	1,318.4	1,282.9	1,285.6	1,294.4	1,312.4	1,320.9	1,316.1	1,332.0	1,326.5	1,326.5	1,334.8	1,336.6	1,338.8	1,344.8
Manufacturing	337.8	338.2	323.8	326.6	329.7	334.5	337.8	340.9	337.4	344.8	345.5	346.0	346.3	345.6	344.6
Durable goods	159.1	157.6	149.2	151.2	153.4	156.1	157.3	157.6	157.9	160.9	161.1	161.9	162.6	162.2	161.9
Lumber and wood products	25.1	27.6	25.2	25.6	26.3	27.0	27.7	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.6	28.4	28.3	27.8
Stone, clay, glass products	8.6	8.7	8.0	8.3	8.5	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.6
Primary metals	29.6	24.8	25.1	25.0	24.8	25.1	25.0	24.7	24.3	24.9	24.5	24.6	24.6	24.8	25.2
Blast furn. and steel works	8.8	5.7	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.1	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.5	6.1	6.6
Iron and steel foundries	11.4	10.5	10.6	10.4	10.3	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.7	10.7	10.5	10.9	10.0	10.0
Fabricated metals	22.8	21.7	21.1	20.7	21.3	21.4	21.5	21.4	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.4	22.4	22.0
Machinery (excl. electrical)	177.6	13.9	14.2	14.3	14.6	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.3	15.4
Electrical, electronic equip.	256.5	20.0	20.3	20.5	20.8	21.2	21.5	21.7	21.9	21.9	22.0	22.0	22.3	22.3	22.5
Transportation	22.6	21.5	20.9	21.1	21.6	21.4	21.2	19.9	20.2	21.8	22.0	22.6	22.7	22.4	22.5
Other durable goods	16.0	17.2	15.0	16.0	16.1	17.0	17.2	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.1	17.9
Nondurable goods	178.8	180.6	174.6	175.4	176.3	178.4	180.5	183.3	179.5	183.9	184.4	184.1	183.7	183.4	182.7
Food	26.5	26.9	26.2	26.1	26.3	26.5	26.8	27.2	27.3	27.4	27.4	27.5	27.2	27.1	26.9
Textile mill products	38.8	39.1	37.8	37.7	37.8	38.7	38.8	39.6	37.6	39.6	40.2	40.3	40.3	40.4	40.4
Apparel	53.0	54.3	51.9	52.7	52.5	53.0	54.4	55.6	53.8	55.4	56.0	55.5	55.4	55.1	54.4
Paper and allied products	21.0	21.4	21.0	20.8	21.1	21.2	21.4	21.8	21.9	22.1	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.3
Printing and publishing	10.2	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.6
Chemicals and allied products	13.1	11.8	12.0	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.5	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.9

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983												1984
	1982	1983	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service (number)															
Job applications	176,752	207,309	15,331	14,996	18,927	18,139	18,495	21,778	20,987	19,505	17,884	14,485	14,784	11,998	17,938
Nonagricultural placements	66,990	91,100	4,253	4,469	6,039	7,233	6,942	10,753	15,126	10,484	7,499	7,117	6,071	5,114	5,741
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims (number)	632,290	428,181	77,765	35,542	36,556	30,468	26,892	25,293	49,017	29,803	24,506	27,873	28,728	35,738	75,004
Payments (\$1,000)	233,984	191,868	23,232	20,554	21,604	16,669	14,783	14,873	13,217	15,186	13,556	11,856	12,540	13,999	18,452
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)															
Autauga	15,380	15,780	15,730	15,690	15,550	15,560	15,090	15,030	15,090	15,030	15,200	15,460	15,580	15,400	15,530
Baldwin	14.7	14.1	19.4	18.0	16.5	16.2	13.2	12.9	12.0	11.3	12.3	12.5	13.0	12.0	12.7
Barbour	33,640	33,830	34,080	34,090	34,000	33,750	33,700	34,010	34,790	34,140	33,790	34,650	35,000	34,990	34,310
Bibb	12.0	12.3	14.3	14.1	12.7	11.5	11.4	10.5	11.6	10.8	11.5	11.5	12.2	12.6	14.0
Blount	11,410	11,980	11,250	11,300	11,410	11,500	11,380	11,270	11,590	11,550	11,580	11,890	11,690	11,480	11,610
Bullock	16.4	13.1	17.4	16.4	15.2	13.9	12.3	12.4	12.8	12.7	11.6	11.7	12.1	11.9	13.0
Bibb	5,640	5,940	5,880	5,840	5,860	5,750	5,670	5,720	5,750	5,240	5,550	5,600	5,680	5,630	6,040
Blount	22.9	19.6	27.1	26.6	23.8	20.5	18.4	17.3	16.8	16.4	18.9	16.4	17.2	20.0	25.3
Calhoun	14,100	13,520	13,870	14,010	14,010	14,010	13,850	13,570	13,620	13,400	13,580	13,900	13,460	13,320	12,870
Bullock	19.7	18.1	23.0	21.3	18.9	17.5	17.2	17.2	17.6	15.2	15.3	14.9	15.9	14.9	17.1
Butler	4,310	4,530	4,110	4,140	4,160	4,240	4,360	4,360	4,510	4,510	4,670	4,820	4,700	4,470	4,230
Butler	18.5	17.2	21.2	20.5	18.6	15.5	14.6	16.9	19.2	18.4	15.6	15.3	16.4	16.6	16.1
Calhoun	10,020	9,900	9,770	9,810	9,970	9,700	9,750	9,740	9,930	9,820	9,880	10,300	10,090	9,900	9,900
Chambers	20.1	17.3	21.9	21.1	21.2	17.2	16.5	16.7	16.5	15.3	14.3	16.0	14.5	12.9	16.7
Cherokee	45,810	46,560	45,900	46,570	46,580	45,800	45,870	46,230	46,920	46,850	46,420	47,190	47,080	47,500	47,170
Cherokee	15.0	13.1	15.2	15.6	14.3	12.7	12.7	12.2	12.2	11.5	11.1	12.2	11.7	12.1	12.9
Chilton	16,170	16,920	16,500	16,400	16,360	16,360	16,330	16,600	16,920	16,820	16,470	16,890	16,830	16,780	16,760
Cherokee	11.4	9.8	12.8	11.4	10.1	9.2	9.0	9.5	10.6	9.4	8.1	9.3	9.1	8.5	8.8
Chilton	11,300	11,400	10,930	10,820	10,810	11,180	11,340	11,050	10,710	10,550	11,390	11,620	11,430	11,420	11,090
Chilton	14.9	15.4	16.7	25.2	22.3	14.7	12.1	12.4	18.5	17.2	10.4	14.4	11.4	12.4	14.5
Chocoma	13,480	15,420	14,200	14,130	14,140	14,200	14,260	13,920	14,190	14,240	14,320	14,680	14,630	14,470	15,400
Chocoma	15.6	13.3	20.0	18.6	16.1	14.5	13.9	12.6	11.9	11.7	11.8	11.7	12.3	12.1	12.7
Chocoma	5,230	5,560	5,380	5,430	5,440	5,590	5,580	5,580	5,870	5,660	5,540	5,630	5,610	5,560	5,610
Clarke	15.4	15.2	18.9	16.2	14.3	15.5	15.6	14.8	17.3	13.8	13.0	13.1	12.3	14.0	15.2
Clarke	10,470	10,810	10,710	10,970	10,940	10,590	10,550	10,990	10,940	10,750	10,620	10,790	10,850	10,800	10,870
Clay	15.7	16.2	18.3	19.2	17.9	15.9	15.7	16.9	15.7	14.0	13.6	13.8	14.6	14.9	15.9
Clay	7,460	7,520	7,590	7,550	7,660	7,670	7,760	7,760	7,890	7,780	7,960	8,060	8,110	8,000	7,660
Cleburne	13.4	13.8	17.0	14.3	13.0	12.1	13.9	13.5	15.5	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.9	11.2	12.3
Cleburne	5,080	5,210	5,170	5,190	5,180	5,170	5,160	5,080	5,090	5,010	5,190	5,240	5,220	5,200	5,090
Coffee	14.5	12.5	16.5	16.0	13.9	15.3	12.3	12.3	9.8	9.1	10.3	10.2	10.5	10.5	11.2
Coffee	19,490	20,040	20,160	20,370	20,310	20,320	20,560	20,220	20,480	20,600	20,810	20,960	20,840	20,660	19,430
Colbert	11.8	10.8	14.0	13.2	12.4	10.6	10.0	9.2	9.7	9.2	8.9	8.9	9.5	10.2	10.2
Colbert	23,540	24,050	23,980	24,160	24,310	24,010	23,620	23,540	23,980	23,910	23,770	24,110	24,170	24,290	23,760
Conecuh	19.0	18.5	22.1	21.9	21.1	19.5	17.5	16.7	17.3	16.6	16.5	16.5	16.4	16.6	19.0
Conecuh	6,740	7,040	6,570	6,650	6,910	6,790	6,790	6,790	6,890	6,790	6,890	6,900	6,940	7,060	7,050
Coosa	14.0	12.7	13.0	13.2	14.9	13.2	12.1	11.6	11.6	10.9	12.8	12.2	13.2	15.0	13.7
Coosa	5,640	5,570	5,620	5,580	5,580	5,630	5,770	5,490	5,710	5,630	5,770	5,800	5,840	5,780	5,510
Covington	10.7	10.3	12.8	12.0	11.1	10.5	10.6	9.6	10.5	8.9	8.1	8.0	8.7	8.3	9.0
Covington	15,440	16,340	15,630	15,890	15,890	16,110	16,080	16,040	16,370	16,450	16,490	16,550	16,670	16,410	16,280
Crenshaw	13.7	12.3	14.6	14.5	12.9	11.6	10.7	10.0	14.3	12.2	11.5	10.9	12.1	12.3	12.8
Crenshaw	6,690	7,220	6,120	6,220	6,390	6,520	6,700	6,540	6,890	6,650	6,940	7,120	6,790	6,420	6,750
Cullman	14.1	12.1	14.1	14.3	13.3	11.7	10.6	11.3	24.4	11.0	10.5	9.7	9.6	9.9	12.5
Cullman	27,480	28,710	27,790	28,600	28,380	28,420	28,500	27,940	28,360	28,030	28,660	29,430	29,070	28,370	28,430
Dale	17.1	14.7	19.8	22.4	16.9	15.0	13.9	13.2	13.5	12.0	12.3	11.8	11.9	11.6	14.2
Dale	12,290	12,980	12,800	12,980	12,920	12,970	12,930	12,810	12,900	12,710	12,650	13,070	13,060	12,860	12,760
Dallas	13.2	13.7	16.9	16.2	14.8	13.9	12.9	12.5	13.3	12.2	11.9	12.6	13.2	12.4	12.8
Dallas	23,350	23,640	23,320	23,590	23,400	23,290	23,290	23,680	24,040	23,700	23,540	23,890	24,120	23,600	23,360
DeKalb	17.6	17.5	21.4	20.6	19.1	18.8	16.5	16.1	16.7	15.6	15.7	16.0	16.5	15.8	17.0
DeKalb	28,460	29,950	29,020	29,090	29,190	29,590	29,470	29,580	30,610	30,420	30,080	30,450	30,070	29,530	29,440
Elmore	13.4	13.8	17.0	16.1	14.7	13.9	12.5	12.6	13.7	11.5	12.3	13.7	13.3	12.6	14.5
Elmore	20,280	20,770	19,830	20,060	20,370	20,210	20,280	20,250	20,240	20,270	20,120	20,410	20,380	20,110	20,170
Escambia	13.1	12.2	14.0	13.7	14.3	13.2	13.2	13.0	11.7	11.5	10.9	10.9	10.5	9.3	9.6
Escambia	16,330	17,430	16,320	16,940	16,420	16,700	16,700	16,940	17,260	16,750	16,860	17,020	17,260	17,360	17,560
Etowah	13.2	12.6	13.7	12.9	12.1	12.6	12.6	12.2	13.0	12.2	11.8	12.2	13.4	13.8	14.3
Etowah	42,740	42,450	43,240	42,920	42,810	41,730	41,800	41,220	41,920	41,800	41,460	42,230	42,510	42,320	41,660
Fayette	20.5	17.5	23.9	22.8	21.8	18.0	16.4	15.9	16.1	15.0	14.5	15.0	15.6	14.8	15.8
Fayette	9,880	10,170	9,920	10,120	10,090	10,140	10,040	10,120	10,160	10,220	10,390	10,580	10,530	10,430	10,160
Franklin	11.4	11.7	13.5	13.8	13.8	12.8	10.8	9.7	10.8	10.3	10.9	10.1	10.2	10.4	10.5
Frank															

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED																
Type of Activity	Annual		1983												1984	
	1982	1983	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.																
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rates)—continued																
Montgomery	10,250	10,770	10,200	10,300	10,430	10,580	10,500	10,550	10,700	10,700	10,720	10,940	11,650	11,010	10,940	
Montgomery	14.3	12.6	13.8	13.2	12.6	13.1	13.0	11.5	11.4	11.0	11.2	12.5	13.7	13.6	15.1	
Morgan	89,890	92,650	88,130	89,040	89,500	88,630	88,520	89,420	90,480	90,370	90,710	92,570	93,210	92,300	92,850	
Morgan	10.9	10.6	12.1	11.7	11.4	10.1	9.7	10.8	10.3	9.9	10.2	10.8	11.1	10.3	10.3	
Perry	37,490	37,980	37,450	37,140	37,010	36,800	37,140	37,420	37,980	37,640	37,560	37,840	37,890	37,640	37,630	
Perry	16.1	14.5	18.8	17.3	15.6	14.5	13.8	13.5	13.5	13.4	13.6	13.5	13.5	12.8	14.1	
Pickens	5,200	5,860	5,630	5,580	5,680	5,660	5,800	5,800	5,920	5,910	5,890	5,890	6,000	5,960	5,840	
Pickens	16.9	14.8	19.7	15.5	14.2	14.0	13.2	13.7	13.1	13.0	11.9	11.8	17.0	20.5	22.0	
Pike	7,620	7,630	7,640	7,730	7,940	7,910	7,990	7,900	7,970	7,780	7,800	7,900	7,830	7,850	7,500	
Pike	19.6	17.7	17.3	17.6	19.2	20.2	19.3	18.1	16.1	14.7	14.2	14.7	14.0	17.4	17.7	
Randolph	13,230	13,770	13,520	13,720	13,740	13,760	13,960	13,760	13,920	13,820	14,070	14,590	14,390	13,400	13,360	
Randolph	13.4	13.7	17.7	16.8	14.4	12.5	12.8	13.7	12.5	11.9	11.1	12.0	13.1	12.1	12.9	
Russell	9,670	9,170	9,360	9,120	8,700	8,750	8,640	8,420	9,040	8,550	8,470	8,990	8,830	8,780	8,890	
Russell	21.8	17.8	25.7	22.5	18.7	17.2	18.0	16.8	24.1	16.4	13.6	13.3	14.4	15.5	18.8	
Russell	18,050	18,320	18,080	18,080	17,920	17,500	17,480	17,730	17,980	18,010	17,680	17,970	18,140	18,270	19,480	
Russell	16.7	13.7	17.9	17.5	15.9	14.0	13.6	11.8	22.0	11.2	12.2	12.5	12.4	12.6	17.1	
St. Clair	18,970	19,350	19,410	19,620	19,560	19,230	18,970	18,770	18,870	18,870	18,970	19,120	19,420	19,710	19,310	
St. Clair	14.7	14.2	17.8	18.0	16.9	14.9	13.8	12.2	11.2	11.1	12.7	12.4	13.5	14.3	14.1	
Shelby	29,910	30,510	30,280	30,230	30,210	29,820	30,100	29,810	30,340	30,360	30,190	30,650	30,690	30,830	30,890	
Shelby	13.0	12.4	15.2	14.4	13.4	11.7	12.6	11.1	11.2	11.1	11.7	12.1	11.9	11.8	13.1	
Sumter	6,970	6,990	7,150	7,150	7,250	7,240	7,340	7,410	7,470	7,350	7,280	7,480	7,490	7,150	7,080	
Sumter	17.4	14.3	17.2	15.7	16.1	14.2	12.0	14.3								

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983												1984
	1982	1983	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	296,642	15,668	15,668	15,934	19,077	21,312	21,378	22,668	26,623	27,641	27,485				
Conecuh	34,109	2,310	2,310	2,632	2,966	3,327	3,317	3,364	3,912	4,025	3,911				
Coosa	20,855	1,234	1,234	1,343	1,438	1,515	1,561	1,563	1,528	1,654	1,500				
Covington	140,600	9,874	10,147	12,394	13,203	13,898	14,070	15,396	16,540	15,128					
Crenshaw	32,420	2,407	2,622	2,837	3,214	3,370	3,430	3,263	3,237	3,072					
Cullman	244,962	18,596	17,214	21,470	22,800	24,572	25,274	26,934	28,444	28,708					
Dale	97,392	6,930	6,630	8,050	8,450	9,203	9,130	10,769	10,809	10,090					
Dallas	188,352	12,389	12,311	14,659	15,999	17,506	17,583	20,057	21,239	19,629					
DeKalb	171,545	10,222	10,360	12,382	13,231	14,017	15,364	17,373	17,434	16,975					
Elmore	82,262	5,690	6,260	6,653	7,370	7,784	7,758	10,675	10,428	9,817					
Escambia	133,511	9,786	9,805	12,191	12,100	12,990	13,067	14,431	15,013	13,897					
Etowah	395,827	28,086	27,916	33,235	33,730	37,465	40,473	48,920	51,281	48,586					
Fayette	85,349	6,419	6,144	7,627	7,436	7,809	8,057	7,172	7,453	7,199					
Franklin	84,064	6,026	6,209	7,618	8,320	8,811	9,024	11,022	10,532	10,287					
Geneva	146,372	12,736	11,895	12,848	13,497	14,304	13,751	14,083	14,425	13,682					
Greene	21,917	1,812	1,995	1,803	1,722	2,254	2,167	2,334	2,029	2,103					
Hale	35,115	2,409	2,631	2,988	3,182	3,330	3,849	4,212	3,985	4,090					
Henry	40,210	2,779	2,767	3,403	3,884	3,994	3,887	3,870	3,528	3,890					
Houston	430,944	33,510	33,236	40,242	42,059	42,876	44,750	53,391	56,468	52,535					
Jackson	147,971	9,432	10,571	12,836	12,510	13,828	14,506	16,639	16,577	16,068					
Jefferson	4,911,771	350,817	352,555	431,552	435,065	448,400	466,509	464,146	497,248	522,309					
Lamar	37,354	2,807	2,537	2,923	3,168	3,481	3,490	3,662	3,993	3,912					
Lauderdale	275,063	19,145	19,924	25,290	26,193	28,867	27,811	36,982	37,957	36,299					
Lawrence	64,612	4,511	4,057	4,982	5,384	5,767	6,230	7,017	7,036	6,692					
Lee	291,706	20,468	22,057	26,366	26,569	28,745	30,099	32,450	33,684	35,160					
Limestone	148,159	9,995	9,417	12,346	12,732	12,806	14,140	16,625	16,602	16,335					
Lowndes	23,153	1,822	1,557	1,793	1,997	2,128	1,871	2,232	1,766	1,870					
Macon	42,695	2,754	2,950	3,389	3,655	4,030	4,098	5,012	4,782	4,431					
Madison	859,741	63,129	64,696	75,670	75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,261	111,714					
Marengo	87,042	5,683	5,672	6,959	7,434	6,553	6,554	7,458	7,137	6,791					
Marion	69,720	5,540	5,129	6,256	6,829	7,422	7,899	9,459	9,159	9,372					
Marshall	267,987	19,349	20,189	24,855	26,811	26,878	29,248	35,289	37,497	36,544					
Mobile	1,764,606	130,402	127,015	150,914	144,992	155,972	163,485	194,317	202,040	183,766					
Monroe	103,747	7,364	7,834	9,431	9,174	9,382	9,504	10,284	11,549	10,899					
Montgomery	1,034,571	77,057	79,254	93,844	96,882	100,133	108,890	123,828	132,814	128,707					
Morgan	476,700	34,484	35,473	46,673	46,783	51,232	47,039	51,489	55,483	54,013					
Perry	28,382	1,949	1,974	2,163	2,386	2,503	2,792	2,568	2,541	2,863					
Pickens	51,737	3,423	3,282	4,006	4,724	5,122	4,766	4,985	4,943	4,439					
Pike	83,838	5,631	6,066	7,689	8,420	9,436	8,411	9,542	10,582	9,512					
Randolph	54,925	4,376	4,483	5,306	5,139	5,309	5,249	5,740	5,756	6,158					
Russell	95,486	6,991	7,378	8,713	9,176	9,850	9,871	11,376	12,346	11,142					
St. Clair	105,453	8,139	9,021	10,906	12,113	13,225	13,874	15,143	14,439	14,077					
Shelby	361,472	19,238	18,370	23,908	25,959	27,540	28,824	26,130	27,337	27,242					
Sumter	34,465	2,474	2,552	2,844	2,851	2,920	3,004	3,213	3,356	3,143					
Talladega	219,173	16,832	16,044	19,138	19,300	22,703	21,401	25,541	25,019	24,383					
Tallapoosa	122,749	9,348	9,634	11,180	12,046	12,721	12,832	14,060	13,709	13,781					
Tuscaloosa	552,075	43,285	41,589	49,621	51,079	52,860	57,120	63,538	68,343	67,387					
Walker	296,965	21,816	21,432	24,830	25,490	26,931	25,469	29,604	29,709	29,876					
Washington	29,920	2,215	2,029	2,691	2,253	2,422	2,302	2,584	2,347	2,352					
Wilcox	35,627	2,586	2,727	3,121	3,083	3,145	3,134	3,444	3,496	3,324					
Winston	64,854	4,440	4,495	5,502	5,864	6,102	6,664	7,329	7,925	7,166					
Statewide ¹	4,185,970	267,551	284,396	363,006	325,161	332,174	315,325	445,084	436,259	445,200					
BUILDING ACTIVITY ²															
Alabama total															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	712,696	1,079,085	53,990	51,306	84,232	72,068	108,222	72,677	93,959	120,559	96,165	86,676	162,881	76,349	65,449
Residential	237,082	449,881	25,652	25,793	43,724	40,009	47,803	32,005	39,580	47,066	34,835	43,819	42,063	27,533	24,927
Nonresidential	300,343	366,127	16,128	16,272	20,153	17,120	34,301	20,565	28,714	35,834	29,816	19,696	95,659	33,868	22,711
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	5,965	8,848	439	445	674	791	850	905	835	895	794	818	718	693	595
Residential	2,700	3,593	299	271	417	312	341	346	306	309	263	299	261	231	247
Nonresidential	442	832				112	96	112	92	124	106	109	101	81	75
Birmingham															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	109,048	213,343	10,220	2,369	11,394	5,671	23,569	8,012	7,729	14,059	30,767	9,844	83,104	6,605	5,689
Residential	13,914	31,921	496	690	7,607	977	9,643	1,221	1,378	1,317	2,529	4,275	904	885	1,100
Nonresidential	61,839	108,370	7,013	1,133	1,580	1,098	2,177	1,911	1,855	7,416	12,498	767	70,397	536	985
Decatur															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	8,551	14,095	648	1,826	1,129	1,073	1,154	1,235	1,167	1,367	1,424	1,278	1,004	789	912
Residential	2,937	7,340	230	152	307	713	722	770	741	918	985	862	663	267	673
Nonresidential	3,812	2,156	272	70	603	123	163	177	150	155	156	140	116	32	73
Dothan															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	28,821	18,943	1,299	841	2,162	899	895	1,073	1,398	1,340	700	3,402	2,191	2,952	1,075
Residential	5,626	7,760	458	450	844	568	326	475	360	366	316	2,412	805	351	444
Nonresidential	9,720	6,339	345	88	973	230	59	176	468	319	40	367	1,127	2,146	457

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983												1984
	1982	1983	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
BUILDING ACTIVITY															
—CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	52,352	76,984	4,057	3,297	7,892	10,648	7,877	6,777	6,275	6,829	6,315	6,326	5,764	5,127	14,164
Residential	15,363	32,619	2,492	2,061	4,125	4,797	3,407	2,568	2,473	2,354	2,081	2,108	2,278	1,874	2,436
Nonresidential	22,178	28,264	487	489	1,940	5,301	3,265	2,542	2,205	2,762	2,652	2,596	2,170	1,856	9,934
Quad Cities															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	18,563	12,978	798	858	977	718	1,247	1,244	1,612	1,361	1,250	852	1,860	699	2,642
Residential	7,481	6,391	668	502	711	341	451	640	473	513	623	428	874	166	480
Nonresidential	5,722	3,506	56	340	45	246	176	261	737	705	380	337	123	100	207
Selma															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	2,757	4,197	248	1,049	105	184	635	115	336	103	901	67	98	356	1,826
Residential	987	357	8		25	63	125	30		20			65	20	
Nonresidential	1,739	798		18	22	19	384	10	275	20	18	30	1		3
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	21,418	30,159	2,323	1,869	3,672	1,458	3,023	3,600	2,862	3,340	3,777	1,814	1,809	613	1,505
Residential	6,592	14,849	590	1,402	2,697	850	1,674	1,205	2,338	1,194	1,378	396	717	407	1,032
Nonresidential	8,408	6,227	1,509	209	84	187	424	569	187	1,221	711	527	599	3	132

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data. Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data. These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of F. W. Dodge Div., McGraw-Hill Information Co. End-of-month balance. Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition. These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data. Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

*Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

*Excludes sales to federal government. These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of R. L. Polk and Company.

Retail sales data represent sales at retail as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1977 are not available for the new series. Birmingham and Huntsville MSA sales data after June 1983 are not directly comparable with earlier data because county designations were changed. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.

*Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census; the sum of monthly figures may not equal annual total. "Total" construction includes additions and alterations, therefore, is not a sum of residential nonresidential. *Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Employment Category Added

This issue marks the appearance of a new employment category under the "Labor Force and Employment" heading of the tables. Employment in electrical and electronic machinery manufacturing, previously included in the "Machinery (incl. electrical)" category, has been branched into a separate category. This new category is titled "Electrical, electronic Equip." and appears under the "Machinery (excl. electrical)" category. All data that appear for both these categories reflect the change.

Migration Data Available

For those readers interested in migration of persons to and from Alabama, a group of tables similar to those which appeared in the article "Interstate Migration and Alabama" in the March issue are available from the Alabama State Data Center. The tables present data sorted to depict various aspects of Alabama migration. Interested persons should contact E.P. Rutledge, State Data Center manager, in care of the Center for Business and Economic Research.

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The Economy in Perspective

1982 Census of Agriculture for Alabama

At last, the preliminary reports containing agricultural data from the Census are available for Alabama. Although at present we have only a teasing amount of information, the flow of computer tapes containing detailed summary data and the detailed printed reports themselves should begin shortly. Through this office and the State Data Center Affiliate Network, this important information concerning the agricultural sector will be made available to the people of the state.

The agricultural census, like the business censuses, is taken every five years following calendar years ending in a digit two or seven. The data relate to the year just completed. For census purposes, a farm is defined as "any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year."

For Alabama, that definition yielded a tally of 48,443 farms in 1982, down from 50,780 in 1978. Although the number of farms declined by just under 5.0 percent, the acreage in farms dropped nearly 8.5 percent while the average size of farms dropped only from 220 acres in 1978 to 211 in 1982. Examination of the following table will reveal that the number of farms under 10 acres as well as those under 50 acres increased while the number of farms in all size categories above 50 acres declined.

From the preliminary data, initial examination suggests that the trend in Alabama agriculture is toward both smaller and larger farms. Yes, those in the middle categories of size and sales are shrinking while the two ends are expanding. The number of

farms with sales over \$100,000 in 1982 increased by 559 units with 380 units of that increase among farms with sales in excess of \$250,000. Similarly, there were 458 more units with sales under \$5,000. All intervening categories of sales saw a declining number of units reporting.

Operator tenure is also changing. While the number of full-owner operators increased 136 over 1978, the number of part-owner operators plummeted by 1,666 in 1982. Tenant operator units accounted for 6.8 percent of all units, down from 8.0 percent in 1978.

Of the harvested cropland acreage reported in 1982, 48.7 percent was devoted to growing soybeans. Corn for all purposes utilized 10.6 percent of harvested acreage and cotton continued its decline, accounting for only 9.0 percent of the land harvested.

These and other detailed information about agricultural operations in Alabama and its counties will be available from the 1982 Census of Agriculture. For further information, you may contact either this office: Dr. Joe Molnar, Department of Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology, Auburn University (205-826-4801); or The Division of Behavioral Science Research, Tuskegee Institute (205-727-8575). And don't forget that many of Alabama's public libraries have very strong government documents sections which are a source of a wealth of federally-generated statistical data on Alabama.

--E. P. Rutledge

Table 1. Farms, Land in Farms, and Land Use: 1982 and 1978

All farms	1982	1978	All farms	1982	1978
Farms.....number.....	48 443	50 780	Land in farms according to use		
Land in farms.....acres.....	10 207 291	11 147 825	Total cropland.....farms.....	41 971	45 443
Average size of farm.....acres.....	211	220	acres.....	5 103 101	5 448 622
Value of land and buildings ¹			Harvested cropland.....farms.....	33 346	37 301
Average per farm.....dollars.....	172 878	138 257	acres.....	3 263 408	3 364 231
Average per acre.....dollars.....	834	630	Cropland used only for pasture or grazing.....farms.....	22 930	25 383
Farms by size			acres.....	1 472 789	1 705 469
1 to 9 acres.....	3 043	2 855	Other cropland.....farms.....	5 812	11 414
10 to 49 acres.....	14 132	13 282	acres.....	366 904	378 922
50 to 179 acres.....	18 276	20 319	Woodland, including woodland pastured.....farms.....	30 050	32 040
180 to 499 acres.....	8 469	9 503	acres.....	3 474 750	3 902 052
500 to 999 acres.....	2 785	3 025	Pastureland and rangeland other than cropland and woodland pastured.....farms.....	10 608	10 123
1,000 to 1,999 acres.....	1 185	1 194	acres.....	1 170 726	1 314 230
2,000 acres or more.....	553	602	Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc.....farms.....	31 942	31 983
			acres.....	458 714	482 921
			Irrigated land.....farms.....	1 036	994
			acres.....	66 093	58 581

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

SOURCE: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1982 Census of Agriculture, Preliminary Report, Alabama, April 1984.



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Type of Activity	Annual		1983												1984	
	1982	1983	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	
INDUSTRIAL																
Bituminous coal production ¹ (1,000 net tons)	25,869	23,071	1,858	1,914	2,017	1,907	1,759	1,667	2,004	1,937	2,150	2,044	1,849	2,181	2,434	
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu ft)	133,892	126,576	10,832	11,423	11,429	10,399	10,301	10,189	10,541	9,028	10,409	10,453	9,407	10,962	11,264	
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs)	320,808	360,820	29,560	33,442	29,988	31,724	32,494	24,507	33,557	31,394	30,597	29,370	28,336	28,600	31,542	
Crude oil and condensate production ¹ (1,000 barrels)	20,011	18,708	1,511	1,603	1,561	1,564	1,525	1,596	1,592	1,435	1,522	1,569	1,499	1,624	1,578	
Electric energy consumption industrial purposes (1,000,000 kWh)	21,431	21,020	1,649	1,621	1,702	1,753	1,797	1,756	1,963	1,892	1,818	1,799	1,698	1,827	1,958	
Pulp, paper and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	5,419	6,166	424	517	506	556	554	561	505	511	559	510	479	532	526	
CONSTRUCTION																
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined ¹ (\$1,000)	2,011,200	2,786,500	141,600	251,100	226,800	293,500	327,100	160,400	219,900	242,200	278,600	291,000	211,000	228,400	159,700	
Residential	847,200	1,306,400	69,700	103,500	113,100	123,400	125,700	100,500	101,300	162,200	138,100	97,300	96,000	98,300	82,200	
Nonresidential	660,000	1,022,500	53,600	91,200	70,500	128,000	111,900	45,300	73,300	45,400	108,000	162,000	82,800	112,300	36,300	
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	504,000	457,000	18,300	56,500	43,200	41,700	89,300	14,700	45,400	34,400	32,700	31,400	32,200	17,700	41,300	
	928	1,086	62	92	85	85	116	102	116	101	108	92	67	68	87	
FINANCE																
Savings in savings and loan associations ¹ (\$1,000,000)	4,598	5,263	4,724	4,830	4,951	4,993	5,063	5,096	5,123	5,158	5,191	5,204	5,263	5,289	5,323	
Tax collections (\$1,000)																
Total	2,112,332	2,888,165	174,477	189,042	192,932	218,607	189,144	173,150	191,429	219,553	186,326	221,579	154,139	205,929	202,747	
Franchise	52,016	52,214	861	15,688	7,306	11,445	2,777	7,524	2,253	7,300	4,430	1,980	507	302	1,153	
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	197,894	199,587	15,813	14,001	17,681	16,303	17,158	17,252	17,182	17,874	16,536	16,469	16,044	18,417	16,305	
Income	765,160	815,838	79,861	76,745	49,511	108,834	80,633	36,785	81,341	81,667	38,160	83,559	53,073	49,125	95,328	
Motor fuels	41,505	45,027	3,658	3,049	3,763	3,901	3,136	3,206	4,195	3,383	4,189	5,673	3,906	3,415	4,409	
Oil-gas privilege	36,891	89,645	2,964	4,871	5,691	6,447	6,193	5,131	5,298	5,168	5,106	34,115	4,424	5,742	5,924	
Oil-gas production	18,510	17,290	1,485	1,808	1,362	1,823	1,541	1,319	1,319	1,331	1,314	1,339	1,146	1,465	1,565	
Sales	562,208	609,132	43,331	44,491	48,128	52,546	52,347	51,550	52,961	51,526	51,888	53,500	49,930	67,569	49,655	
2 1/2% Gross receipts	44,104	46,186	135	147	10,636	110	48	10,738	61	3,548	10,134	63	6	13,504	152	
TVA electric	35,999	31,290	2,831	2,831	5,661	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,911	2,911	2,867	5,454	2,867	5,734	4,885	
Tobacco	70,885	68,915	4,692	4,881	5,411	5,599	6,536	6,035	5,426	5,906	6,030	5,454	6,081	5,485	4,985	
Use	67,876	66,519	2,039	960	14,062	1,239	816	14,707	1,097	643	15,021	1,389	459	15,067	1,975	
Utility	134,597	152,287	12,368	13,717	12,152	11,461	10,751	10,617	11,747	12,838	22,053	11,324	11,079	14,760	-15,900	
PRICES																
Consumer Price Index, U.S. ¹ (1967 = 100)																
All items	288.8	298.4	293.2	293.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	305.2	306.6	
Food	285.7	291.7	289.0	290.5	291.9	292.4	292.0	292.0	292.2	292.6	292.9	293.5	293.9	299.4	302.1	
Housing	314.7	323.1	318.5	318.6	320.3	321.8	323.1	324.5	324.8	326.4	326.8	327.0	327.4	329.2	331.0	
Fuel and utilities	350.8	370.3	364.6	363.8	363.6	369.3	373.6	375.5	375.1	376.4	374.4	371.3	370.6	376.0	383.0	
Apparel and upkeep	191.8	196.5	192.0	194.5	195.5	196.1	195.6	195.0	197.3	200.4	200.7	200.7	199.3	196.4	196.2	
Transportation	291.5	298.4	289.9	287.4	292.3	296.2	298.3	300.4	302.4	303.7	305.0	306.3	306.3	306.0	305.8	
Medical care	328.7	357.3	351.3	352.3	353.5	354.3	355.4	357.7	360.0	361.2	362.9	364.9	366.2	369.5	372.2	
Energy	416.0	419.3	406.7	399.9	410.0	421.3	427.3	430.1	429.8	429.3	425.1	419.9	418.0	416.7	420.2	
Producer Price Index, U.S. ¹ (1967 = 100)																
All commodities	299.3	303.0	300.9	300.6	300.6	301.5	302.4	303.2	304.7	305.3	306.0	305.5	306.0	308.1	308.8	
Industrial commodities	312.3	315.7	313.9	313.5	312.4	313.6	315.3	316.5	317.3	317.1	318.5	318.3	318.4	319.2	320.4	
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers (1977 = 100)	115.8	122.2	118.0	117.0	117.0	120.0	119.0	122.0	126.0	126.0	124.0	131.0	133.0	138.0	138.0	
Purchasing power of the dollar U.S. (1967 = \$1,000)																
As measured by																
Consumer prices	346	335	341	341	338	337	335	334	333	331	330	330	329	328	326	
Wholesale prices	334	330	332	333	333	332	331	330	328	328	327	327	327	325	324	
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT																
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,713.0	1,744.8	1,740.4	1,739.8	1,732.7	1,729.4	1,732.2	1,758.3	1,746.2	1,745.3	1,774.6	1,774.9	1,732.8	1,754.8	1,759.6	
Unemployment	247.0	235.1	284.1	261.9	236.6	225.0	222.2	232.0	214.3	214.5	220.7	223.1	197.0	238.4	227.9	
Unemployment rate	14.4	13.5	16.3	15.1	13.7	13.0	12.8	13.2	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.6	11.4	13.6	13.0	
Employment	1,466.0	1,509.7	1,456.3	1,477.9	1,496.1	1,504.4	1,510.0	1,526.3	1,531.9	1,530.8	1,553.9	1,551.8	1,535.8	1,516.4	1,531.7	
Nonagricultural	1,312.5	1,318.4	1,295.6	1,294.4	1,312.4	1,320.9	1,331.6	1,332.0	1,323.7	1,326.5	1,334.8	1,336.6	1,338.8	1,324.4	1,330.2	
Manufacturing	337.8	338.2	326.6	329.7	335.5	337.8	340.9	337.4	344.8	345.5	346.0	346.3	345.6	344.6	345.2	
Durable goods	159.1	157.6	151.2	153.4	156.1	157.3	157.6	157.9	160.9	161.1	161.9	162.6	162.2	161.9	162.9	
Lumber and wood products	25.1	27.6	25.6	26.3	27.0	27.7	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.6	28.4	28.3	27.8	28.2	
Stone, clay, glass products	8.6	8.7	8.3	8.5	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	
Primary metals	29.6	24.8	25.0	24.8	25.1	25.0	24.7	24.3	24.9	24.5	24.6	24.6	24.8	25.2	25.2	
Blast furn. and steel works	8.8	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.1	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.5	6.1	6.6	7.1	
Iron and steel foundries	11.4	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.7	10.7	10.5	9.9	10.0	9.6	9.6	
Fabricated metals	22.8	21.7	20.7	21.3	21.4	21.5	21.4	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.4	22.4	22.0	22.2	
Machinery (excl. electrical)	177.6	14.2	14.3	14.6	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.6	15.6	
Electrical, electronic equip.	256.5	20.3	20.5	20.8	21.2	21.2	21.5	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.0	22.3	22.3	22.5	22.9	
Transportation	22.6	21.5	21.1	21.6	21.4	21.2	19.9	20.2	21.8	22.0	22.6	22.7	22.4	22.5	22.6	
Other durable goods	16.0	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	
Non-durable goods	178.8	180.6	175.4	176.3	178.4	180.5	183.3	179.5	183.9	184.4	184.1	183.7	183.4	182.7	182.3	
Food	26.5	26.9	26.1	26.3	26.5	26.8	27.2	27.3	27.4	27.4	27.5	27.2	27.1	26.9	26.5	
Textile mill products	38.8	39.1	37.7	37.8	38.7	38.8	39.6	37.6	39.6	40.2	40.3	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.3	
Apparel	53.0	54.3	52.7	52.5	53.0	54.4	55.6	53.8	55.4	56.0	55.5	55.4	55.1	54.4	54.7	
Paper and allied products	21.0	21.4	20.8	21.1	21.2	21.4	21.8	21.9	22.1	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.3	21.1	
Printing and publishing	10.2	10.3	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.6	10.6	
Chemicals and allied products	13.1	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.5	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.8	
Rubber products	13.8	14.6	13.9	14.3	14.8	14.7	14.7	14.8	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.2	
Other nondurable goods	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.1												

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983												1984	
	1982	1983	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT																
Other employment activity																
State Employment Service (number)																
Job applications	176,752	207,309	14,996	18,927	18,139	16,495	21,778	20,987	13,505	17,884	14,485	14,784	11,998	17,938	16,014	
Nonagricultural placements	66,900	91,100	4,469	6,039	7,233	6,942	10,753	15,126	10,484	7,499	7,117	6,071	5,114	5,741	5,509	
Unemployment compensation																
Initial benefit claims (number)	632,290	428,181	35,542	36,556	30,468	26,892	25,293	49,017	29,803	24,506	27,873	28,728	35,738	75,004	29,677	
Payments (\$1,000)	233,984	191,868	20,554	21,604	16,669	14,783	14,873	13,217	15,186	13,556	11,656	12,540	13,999	18,452	15,901	
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)																
Autauga	15,380	15,780	15,830	15,830	16,190	15,890	15,930	15,770	15,590	15,610	15,710	15,680	15,460	15,530	15,420	
Baldwin	33,640	33,630	33,210	33,340	33,650	34,000	34,400	34,910	34,040	33,640	33,970	33,950	33,760	34,310	34,670	
Barbour	11,410	11,980	11,800	11,860	12,110	12,250	12,160	12,320	12,130	12,040	12,090	11,800	11,520	11,610	11,660	
Bibb	5,640	5,940	6,010	6,050	6,030	6,100	6,250	6,180	5,620	5,820	5,770	5,770	5,690	6,040	5,790	
Blount	22,910	19,610	26,310	24,310	21,210	19,010	17,610	17,210	16,210	17,910	15,710	15,410	18,010	25,310	20,010	
Butler	14,100	13,520	13,490	13,540	13,770	13,960	13,690	13,680	13,440	13,510	13,730	13,130	12,890	12,870	13,020	
Calhoun	19,710	18,110	22,410	20,610	19,310	18,810	18,710	19,110	18,410	17,710	18,210	18,610	17,910	18,410	18,910	
Chambers	45,810	46,560	46,370	46,430	46,160	46,800	47,050	47,340	46,910	46,350	46,850	46,310	46,520	47,170	47,220	
Cherokee	15,010	13,110	15,910	15,110	13,610	14,310	13,710	13,210	12,310	10,910	11,510	10,810	11,310	12,910	12,210	
Chilton	16,170	16,920	16,570	16,570	16,780	16,940	17,290	17,460	17,230	16,790	17,070	16,880	16,760	16,760	16,850	
Clarke	11,410	9,810	11,510	10,410	9,710	9,610	10,110	11,210	10,910	11,600	11,770	11,430	10,860	11,090	11,110	
Cleburne	11,300	11,400	11,330	11,290	11,730	11,960	11,580	11,190	10,910	11,600	11,770	11,430	10,860	11,090	11,110	
Columbia	14,910	15,420	14,930	14,990	15,500	15,780	15,420	15,600	15,650	15,580	15,820	15,640	15,360	15,490	15,540	
Concho	13,480	15,420	14,930	14,990	15,500	15,780	15,420	15,600	15,650	15,580	15,820	15,640	15,360	15,490	15,540	
Coconino	5,230	5,560	5,500	5,500	5,650	5,730	5,590	5,830	5,570	5,430	5,510	5,440	5,500	5,610	5,690	
Cochise	15,410	15,210	16,210	14,710	16,610	16,810	16,110	19,010	15,410	14,710	12,610	11,410	12,810	15,210	16,110	
Coke	10,470	10,810	11,040	10,960	10,800	10,840	11,240	11,090	10,800	10,580	10,620	10,580	10,560	10,870	10,680	
Colusa	15,710	16,210	19,410	18,810	16,910	16,810	18,110	17,010	14,610	13,410	13,210	13,610	13,810	15,910	14,910	
Colusa	7,460	7,520	7,330	7,470	7,450	7,540	7,370	7,720	7,470	7,590	7,690	7,670	7,510	7,650	7,670	
Colusa	13,410	13,810	14,910	14,110	13,410	15,810	15,210	15,210	14,710	12,910	11,810	11,310	10,710	12,310	11,810	
Colusa	5,080	5,210	5,200	5,220	5,240	5,290	5,190	5,190	5,480	5,480	5,290	5,280	5,190	5,160	5,090	
Colusa	19,490	20,040	19,680	19,710	20,070	20,370	20,190	20,360	20,320	20,440	20,340	20,020	19,700	19,430	20,030	
Colusa	11,810	10,810	13,710	13,310	11,510	11,110	10,110	10,710	9,810	8,810	8,510	8,910	9,610	10,210	10,510	
Colusa	23,540	24,050	24,140	24,440	24,520	24,390	24,270	24,490	24,040	23,600	23,710	23,500	23,520	23,760	24,310	
Colusa	19,010	18,510	22,210	22,110	20,610	18,710	17,810	18,610	17,040	16,410	15,810	15,310	15,510	19,010	20,110	
Colusa	6,740	7,010	6,890	7,050	7,000	7,000	7,060	7,090	7,040	7,100	7,060	6,970	7,120	7,090	7,010	
Colusa	14,010	12,710	13,010	14,410	13,810	12,910	12,310	12,310	11,110	12,610	11,710	12,310	13,710	13,710	14,110	
Colusa	5,640	5,570	5,510	5,590	5,600	5,680	5,460	5,610	5,480	5,580	5,610	5,600	5,520	5,510	5,520	
Colusa	10,710	10,310	12,210	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	
Colusa	15,440	16,340	15,970	15,970	16,370	16,600	16,530	16,710	16,690	16,590	16,580	16,500	16,160	16,280	16,570	
Colusa	13,710	12,310	14,810	13,510	12,310	11,410	10,710	14,910	12,310	10,910	10,310	11,110	11,310	12,810	13,410	
Colusa	6,690	7,220	6,680	7,000	7,210	7,460	7,410	7,790	7,340	7,570	7,640	7,250	6,820	6,750	6,810	
Colusa	14,110	12,110	13,510	13,210	11,810	10,910	11,410	24,310	10,810	9,910	8,610	8,310	8,610	12,510	11,910	
Colusa	27,480	28,710	28,290	28,120	29,070	29,370	28,960	29,190	28,570	29,050	29,480	28,830	28,050	28,430	28,700	
Colusa	17,110	14,710	22,910	17,810	15,910	14,910	14,110	14,410	12,510	11,910	11,110	10,910	10,710	14,210	12,780	
Colusa	12,290	12,980	13,020	13,010	13,080	13,270	13,040	13,210	12,950	12,760	13,110	12,890	12,630	12,630	12,780	
Colusa	13,210	13,710	16,410	15,510	14,910	13,810	13,410	14,210	12,610	11,610	11,810	12,110	12,610	12,610	13,310	
Colusa	23,350	23,640	23,670	23,490	23,450	23,860	24,310	24,420	23,830	23,440	23,540	23,710	22,910	23,360	23,410	
Colusa	17,610	17,510	20,810	19,910	17,710	17,810	17,210	18,010	16,310	15,510	15,210	15,310	14,710	17,010	16,810	
Colusa	28,460	28,950	29,160	29,400	30,660	30,370	30,700	31,420	30,580	30,100	30,200	29,530	28,890	29,440	29,310	
Colusa	13,810	13,610	16,310	15,410	14,710	13,410	13,410	14,710	12,010	12,110	13,010	12,310	11,610	14,510	12,710	
Colusa	20,280	20,770	20,230	20,720	21,010	21,350	21,460	21,150	21,020	20,680	20,780	20,570	20,250	20,170	20,290	
Colusa	13,110	12,210	13,810	14,710	13,810	13,810	13,610	12,310	11,710	10,410	10,110	9,510	8,410	9,610	9,110	
Colusa	16,330	17,430	17,480	16,930	17,610	17,770	17,810	17,890	17,360	17,340	17,360	17,410	17,440	17,560	17,610	
Colusa	13,210	12,610	12,810	12,410	13,010	13,210	12,810	13,710	12,410	11,310	11,210	11,210	11,210	11,210	11,210	
Colusa	42,740	42,450	43,220	43,520	42,650	43,010	42,520	42,830	42,350	41,440	41,890	41,720	41,370	41,660	41,700	
Colusa	20,510	17,510	22,710	22,310	18,810	17,210	16,610	17,010	15,310	14,010	14,010	14,210	13,510	15,810	15,310	
Colusa	9,880	10,170	10,050	9,970	10,110	10,210	10,260	10,260	10,100	10,330	10,450	10,310	10,160	10,160	10,170	
Colusa	11,410	14,110	13,690	13,850	14,040	14,150	14,590	15,010	14,530	14,500	14,440	14,320	14,010	15,060	15,190	
Colusa	13,350	18,410	18,210	21,610	19,810	17,410	15,310	16,210	14,510	15,910	15,510	16,610	16,610	25,710	23,010	
Colusa	10,910	11,400	10,730	10,990	11,250	11,690	11,740	11,680	11,450	11,570	11,950	11,600	11,470	11,330	11,320	
Colusa	11,310	10,510	13,010	12,410	10,910	11,110	9,810	10,910	9,910	8,510	8,310	8,310	9,410	10,210	9,410	
Colusa																

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983												1984	
	1982	1983	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT																
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate) —continued—																
Monroe	10,250	10,770	10,350	10,540	10,830	11,020	10,890	10,920	10,860	10,820	10,950	10,980	10,900	10,940	10,950	
Montgomery	89,890	92,650	89,800	90,920	91,960	93,050	94,690	94,460	93,700	93,230	94,230	93,970	92,810	92,730	93,380	
Morgan	37,400	37,990	37,580	37,860	37,990	38,520	38,770	38,810	38,190	37,970	37,960	37,520	37,080	37,630	37,490	
Perry	5,200	5,860	5,630	5,720	5,830	5,960	6,050	6,010	5,940	5,910	5,950	5,870	5,780	5,840	5,890	
Pickens	7,620	7,630	7,550	7,670	7,650	7,830	7,720	7,790	7,620	7,590	7,650	7,510	7,600	7,500	7,540	
Pike	13,230	13,770	13,670	13,620	13,950	14,310	13,780	13,990	13,660	13,710	14,370	13,890	12,960	13,360	13,420	
Randolph	9,670	9,170	9,290	8,960	9,140	9,270	9,030	9,710	9,040	8,880	9,310	9,050	8,950	8,890	8,830	
Russell	18,050	18,320	18,390	18,410	18,190	18,360	18,490	18,590	18,510	18,080	18,230	18,190	18,210	19,480	18,890	
St. Clair	18,970	19,350	19,680	19,760	19,690	19,600	19,320	19,240	19,000	19,090	19,070	19,100	19,280	19,310	19,470	
Shelby	29,910	30,510	30,300	30,480	30,480	31,080	30,670	30,930	30,580	30,380	30,570	30,520	30,220	30,890	30,650	
Sumter	6,970	6,990	6,710	6,890	7,060	7,050	7,170	7,250	7,120	6,900	7,100	7,110	6,850	7,060	7,040	
Talladega	30,630	32,030	31,840	31,880	31,840	32,370	32,270	32,590	32,380	32,240	32,440	31,670	31,300	31,730	31,670	
Tallapoosa	17,250	16,580	16,090	16,490	16,220	16,460	16,910	17,390	16,780	16,510	16,660	16,560	16,620	16,850	16,970	
Tuscaloosa	55,380	56,520	56,580	56,270	56,920	57,270	56,520	56,610	56,210	55,900	56,800	56,540	56,400	56,910	57,500	
Walker	31,720	32,980	32,790	32,820	33,160	33,450	33,080	33,410	32,860	32,630	33,300	32,910	33,020	33,440	33,350	
Washington	6,260	6,380	6,030	6,150	6,370	6,530	6,630	6,740	6,420	6,530	6,500	6,340	6,210	6,330	6,400	
Wilcox	5,170	5,860	6,610	6,460	6,270	6,090	5,720	5,590	5,500	5,680	5,680	5,490	5,320	5,340	5,380	
Winston	8,450	9,150	9,060	8,910	9,080	9,250	9,360	9,510	9,280	9,170	9,290	9,170	8,960	9,570	9,850	
TRADE																
Foreign, through Port of Mobile																
Imports	551,093	643,182	42,897	39,541	61,067	72,807	49,281	33,162	70,692	22,392	85,365	50,213	46,894	51,145	40,064	
Value (\$1,000)	8,142	8,288	370	308	651	560	353	343	819	430	826	757	423	583	508	
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs)																
Exports	1,222,158	788,611	80,453	68,176	81,973	60,503	71,690	51,007	33,212	51,981	64,610	61,993	64,282	69,760	39,449	
Value (\$1,000)	14,577	9,496	1,057	757	1,061	896	1,150	610	344	524	547	546	868	1,731	1,283	
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs)																
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile ^a	39,655	34,916	2,695	2,574	3,193	3,051	3,268	2,560	3,013	2,812	2,948	3,118	2,653	3,017	2,522	
(1,000 tons)																
Domestic																
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes	22,680	23,017	1,998	1,668	1,650	1,490	1,678	2,149	2,571	2,547	1,798	1,588	1,884	2,494	2,093	
(1,000,000 kWh)																
Gasoline sales ^b (1,000 gallons)	1,840,396	1,861,406	132,674	163,666	150,978	158,764	159,700	159,303	165,359	153,217	153,174	148,354	168,460			
New passenger car registrations ^c (number)	100,717	122,393	8,462	9,326	9,544	11,620	10,660	11,039	10,012	11,288	10,378	10,296	11,751	10,453	11,116	
Retail sales by kind of business																
state totals ^d (\$1,000,000)																
Food	3,634		290	309	323	323	336	356	338	325						
General stores with food and gas	331		24	28	29	29	32	30	29	28						
General merchandise	2,292		150	192	204	171	163	190	198	194						
Apparel	499		32	46	45	44	42	41	47	47						
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	534		41	49	49	53	56	56	60	58						
Automotive	2,690		223	285	294	313	336	343	358	349						
Gasoline service stations	1,342		81	92	90	101	94	88	90	85						
Lumber and building materials	778		56	73	76	90	97	98	114	111						
Hardware and farm implements	351		24	34	34	39	42	41	42	42						
Eating places	1,112		39	39	40	42	36	38	39	37						
Drug stores	536		163	203	201	235	238	216	236	232						
All other retail	2,433		1,209	1,450	1,483	1,542	1,575	1,607	1,663	1,615						
Total sales by retail concerns	16,530															
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	4,749		321	392	357	394	403	377	392	415						
Total all sales at retail	21,279		1,530	1,842	1,841	1,936	1,978	1,985	2,055	2,030						
Retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties ^d (\$1,000)																
MSAs																
Anniston	432,037		31,094	37,560	37,700	39,448	42,513	49,304	51,054	48,924						
Birmingham	5,604,600		407,194	498,000	503,026	523,112	542,315	543,358	577,490	602,301						
Dothan								84,180	67,277	62,625						
Florence	571,705		35,858	44,376	47,505	48,245	50,479	63,605	65,598	63,784						
Gadsden	395,827		27,916	33,235	33,730	37,465	40,473	48,920	51,281	48,586						
Huntsville	1,064,650		64,696	75,670	75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,261	117,714						
Mobile	2,131,321		148,925	178,187	172,423	196,646	195,871	233,943	240,731	217,431						
Montgomery	1,224,760		93,802	110,391	113,913	118,305	127,634	144,442	152,919	147,640						
Tuscaloosa	552,075		41,589	49,621	51,079	52,860	57,120	63,538	68,343	67,387						
Counties																
Autauga	107,927		8,284	9,694	9,681	10,388	10,986	9,939	9,677	9,116						
Baldwin	366,715		21,810	27,273	27,431	30,674	32,386	39,626	38,691	33,665						
Barbour	62,778		4,521	5,091	5,366	6,353	5,603	6,977	6,872	6,871						
Bibb	27,761		1,988	2,306	2,381	2,466	2,642	4,016	4,135	3,810						
Blount	80,384		5,816	6,802	6,399	7,016	7,639	8,335	8,757	8,797						
Bullock	59,766		5,761	2,347	2,873	2,666	2,769	3,030	2,739	2,915						
Butler	61,385		4,716	5,309	5,364	5,924	5,792	7,567	7,599	7,367						
Calhoun	432,037		31,094	37,560	37,700	39,448	42,513	49,304	51,054	48,924						
Chambers	91,694		6,980	8,411	8,178	8,585	8,776	11,567	11,279	11,337						
Cherokee	52,267		3,696	4,595	4,797	4,913	5,369	5,360	4,744	4,789						
Chilton	92,525		6,094	7,763	8,323	8,720	8,963	10,115	10,059	9,475						
Choctaw	50,700		3,592	4,143	3,753	3,852	3,623	4,210	4,121	3,941						
Clarke	89,267		6,688	7,822	8,464	8,501	8,621	10,543	10,059	8,945						
Clay	26,957		2,004	2,822	2,433	2,076	2,334	2,518	2,763	2,339						
Cleburne	24,342		1,982	2,407	2,568	2,589	2,671	2,633	2,492	2,577						
Coffee	142,602		11,476	13,642	13,968	15,283	15,128	18,061	18,176	17,887						

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983												1984	
	1982	1983	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	
TRADE—CONTINUED																
Retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued																
Counties—continued																
Colbert	296,642	296,642	15,934	19,077	21,312	21,378	22,668	26,623	27,641	27,485						
Conecuh	34,109	2,632	2,968	3,327	3,317	3,364	3,912	4,025	3,911							
Coosa	20,855	1,343	1,438	1,315	1,551	1,553	1,528	1,654	1,500							
Covington	140,600	10,147	12,394	13,203	13,890	14,070	15,396	16,540	15,128							
Crenshaw	32,420	2,622	2,837	3,214	3,370	3,430	3,263	3,207	3,072							
Cullman	248,962	17,214	21,470	22,800	24,572	25,274	26,934	26,844	26,708							
Dale	97,392	6,630	8,059	8,450	9,136	9,136	10,789	10,809	10,090							
Dallas	188,352	12,311	14,659	15,999	17,506	17,583	20,057	21,239	19,629							
DeKalb	171,545	10,360	12,382	13,231	14,017	15,364	17,373	17,434	16,975							
Elmore	82,262	6,260	6,853	7,370	7,784	7,758	10,675	10,428	9,817							
Escambia	133,511	9,805	12,191	12,100	12,990	13,067	14,431	15,013	13,897							
Etowah	395,827	27,916	33,235	33,730	37,465	40,473	48,920	51,281	48,586							
Fayette	85,349	5,144	7,627	7,436	7,809	8,057	7,172	7,453	7,199							
Franklin	98,064	6,209	7,618	8,320	8,811	9,024	11,022	10,532	10,287							
Geneva	146,372	11,895	12,848	13,497	14,304	13,751	14,083	14,425	13,682							
Greene	21,917	1,395	1,803	1,722	2,254	2,167	2,334	2,029	2,103							
Hale	35,115	2,631	2,988	3,182	3,330	3,849	4,212	3,965	4,090							
Henry	40,210	2,767	3,403	3,884	3,994	3,887	3,870	3,528	3,890							
Houston	430,944	33,236	40,242	42,059	42,876	44,750	53,391	56,468	52,535							
Jackson	147,971	10,571	12,836	12,510	13,826	14,506	16,639	16,577	16,068							
Jefferson	4,911,771	352,555	431,552	433,065	448,400	466,509	464,146	497,248	522,309							
Lamar	37,354	2,537	2,923	3,168	3,481	3,490	3,662	3,993	3,912							
Lauderdale	275,063	19,924	25,299	26,193	26,867	27,811	36,982	37,957	36,299							
Lawrence	64,612	4,057	4,982	5,364	5,767	6,220	7,017	7,036	6,692							
Lee	291,706	22,057	26,366	26,569	28,742	30,069	32,450	33,684	35,165							
Limestone	148,159	9,417	12,346	12,732	12,806	14,140	16,625	16,602	16,335							
Lowndes	23,153	1,557	1,793	1,997	2,128	1,871	2,232	1,766	1,870							
Macon	42,695	2,950	3,369	3,655	4,030	4,098	5,012	4,782	4,431							
Madison	859,741	64,696	75,670	75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,261	111,714							
Marengo	87,042	5,672	6,959	7,434	6,553	6,554	7,458	7,137	6,791							
Marion	69,720	5,129	6,255	6,829	7,422	7,699	9,459	9,159	9,372							
Marshall	267,967	20,189	24,855	26,811	28,876	29,248	35,269	37,497	36,544							
Mobile	1,764,606	127,015	150,914	144,992	155,972	163,485	194,317	202,040	183,766							
Monroe	103,747	7,834	9,431	9,134	9,382	9,504	10,284	11,549	10,899							
Montgomery	1,034,571	79,258	93,844	96,862	100,133	108,890	123,828	132,814	128,707							
Morgan	476,700	35,473	46,673	46,763	51,232	47,039	51,489	55,483	54,013							
Perry	28,382	1,974	2,163	2,396	2,503	2,392	2,568	2,541	2,863							
Pickens	51,737	3,262	4,006	4,724	5,122	4,766	4,985	4,943	4,439							
Pike	83,838	6,066	7,689	8,420	9,436	8,411	9,542	10,582	9,512							
Randolph	54,925	4,483	5,396	5,139	5,399	5,249	5,740	5,756	6,158							
Russell	95,486	7,378	8,713	9,176	9,850	9,871	11,376	12,346	11,142							
St. Clair	105,453	9,021	10,908	12,113	13,225	13,874	15,143	14,439	14,077							
Shelby	261,472	18,370	23,908	25,959	27,540	28,824	26,130	27,337	27,242							
Sumter	34,465	2,552	2,844	2,851	2,920	3,004	3,213	3,396	3,143							
Talladega	219,173	16,044	19,138	19,300	22,703	21,401	25,541	25,019	24,383							
Tallapoosa	122,749	9,634	11,180	12,046	12,721	12,832	14,060	13,709	13,783							
Tuscaloosa	552,075	41,589	49,621	51,079	52,860	57,120	63,538	68,343	67,387							
Walker	286,965	21,432	24,830	25,490	26,931	25,469	29,604	29,709	29,876							
Washington	29,920	2,029	2,691	2,253	2,422	2,302	2,584	2,347	2,352							
Wilcox	35,627	2,727	3,121	3,083	3,145	3,134	3,444	3,496	3,324							
Winston	64,854	4,495	5,502	5,864	6,102	6,664	7,329	7,926	7,166							
Statewide**	4,185,970	294,386	353,006	325,161	332,174	315,325	345,084	336,259	345,200							
BUILDING ACTIVITY																
Alabama total																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	712,696	1,079,085	51,306	84,232	72,068	108,222	72,677	93,959	120,559	96,165	86,676	162,881	76,349	65,449	75,497	
Residential	237,082	449,881	25,793	43,724	40,009	47,803	32,005	39,580	47,066	34,835	43,819	42,063	27,533	24,927	38,376	
Nonresidential	300,343	366,127	16,272	20,153	17,120	34,301	20,565	26,714	35,834	29,816	19,695	95,659	33,868	22,711	21,524	
In selected cities																
Anniston																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	5,965	8,848	445	674	791	850	905	826	895	794	818	718	693	595	644	
Residential	2,700	3,593	271	417	312	341	346	306	309	263	268	261	231	247	255	
Nonresidential	442	932			112	96	112	92	124	106	109	101	81	75	93	
Birmingham																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	109,048	213,343	2,369	11,394	5,671	23,569	8,012	7,729	14,059	30,767	9,844	83,104	6,605	5,689	4,413	
Residential	13,918	31,921	690	7,607	977	9,843	1,221	1,378	1,317	2,529	4,275	904	885	1,100	1,574	
Nonresidential	91,839	108,370	1,133	1,580	1,098	2,177	1,911	1,855	7,416	12,498	767	70,397	526	985	530	
Decatur																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	8,551	14,095	1,826	1,129	1,073	1,154	1,235	1,167	1,367	1,424	1,278	1,004	789	912	1,111	
Residential	2,937	7,340	152	307	713	722	770	741	918	995	862	663	267	673	845	
Nonresidential	3,812	2,156	70	603	123	163	177	150	155	158	140	116	32	73	81	
Dothan																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	28,821	18,943	841	2,162	899	695	1,073	1,388	1,340	700	3,402	2,191	2,952	1,075	1,064	
Residential	5,626	7,760	450	884	568	326	475	350	366	316	2,412	805	351	444	631	
Nonresidential	9,720	6,339	86	973	230	59	176	468	319	40	367	1,127	2,146	457	100	
Gadsden																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	10,429	13,596	254	981	395	1,351	529	4,695	354	549	550	1,389	1,189	656	530	
Residential	1,517	2,006	63	271	41	273	194	170	282	224	329	75	61	110	57	
Nonresidential	3,271	3,912	5	53	2	378	271	161	2	271	201	1,283	1,104	24	452	
Huntsville																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	58,302	122,759	4,819	6,213	5,583	15,688	10,785	12,423	17,391	8,823	20,834	9,742	6,919	6,115	16,811	
Residential	18,311	51,350	3,170	3,240	1,935	4,390	3,263	9,556	7,145	2,171	10,578	1,596	1,939	2,203	7,732	
Nonresidential	14,238	45,128	550	1,874	1,766	10,998	5,693	669	6,403	5,166	3,320	5,238	3,809	2,270	5,356	
Mobile																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	83,675	109,508	8,906	9,046	8,756	14,828	3,923	14,352	13,411	5,161	6,093	8,762	10,475	3,718	5,369	
Residential	19,544	38,261	7,068	2,489	6,816	4,337	1,334	1,132	1,810	1,127	990	1,586	7,313	984	1,470	
Nonresidential	43,701	49,663	805	3,737	973	9,054	664	11,007	10,337	1,465	2,188	5,173	2,058	1,419	2,499	

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983												1984	
	1982	1983	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	
BUILDING ACTIVITY -CONTINUED																
Montgomery																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	52,352	76,984	3,297	7,692	10,648	7,877	6,777	6,275	6,829	6,315	6,326	5,764	5,127	14,164	5,190	
Residential	15,363	32,619	2,061	4,125	4,797	3,407	2,568	2,473	2,354	2,081	2,108	2,278	1,874	2,436	2,131	
Nonresidential	22,178	28,264	489	1,940	5,301	3,265	2,542	2,205	2,762	2,632	2,596	2,170	1,856	9,934	1,882	
Quad-Cities ⁽¹⁾																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	16,563	12,978	858	977	718	1,247	1,244	1,612	1,361	1,250	852	1,360	699	2,642	1,410	
Residential	7,481	6,391	502	711	341	451	640	473	513	623	428	874	166	480	754	
Nonresidential	5,722	3,506	340	45	246	176	261	737	705	380	337	123	100	207	585	
Selma																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	2,757	4,197	1,049	105	184	635	115	336	103	901	67	98	356	1,826	213	
Residential	987	357		25	63	125	30		20			65	20			
Nonresidential	1,739	798	18	22	19	384	10	275	20	18	30	1		3	133	
Tuscaloosa																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	21,418	30,159	1,869	3,672	1,458	3,023	3,600	2,862	3,340	3,777	1,814	1,809	613	1,505	2,647	
Residential	6,592	14,849	1,402	2,697	850	1,674	1,205	2,338	1,194	1,378	396	717	407	1,032	1,163	
Nonresidential	8,408	6,227	209	84	187	424	569	187	1,221	711	527	599	3	132	929	

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data. Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data. These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of F. W. Dodge Div., McGraw-Hill Information Co. End-of-month balance.

Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

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Automated Method Used to Produce Alabama Business

Readers may have noticed that the tables in *Alabama Business* have undergone some changes in format and in selected data series. However, there has been a very significant change in the production method of the tables which should have been transparent to the reader.

The data bases for this publication are maintained and updated on-line using the University's Univac 1100 central computer. In the past a printout of the data for *Alabama Business* was generated and proofed each month. The printout was then taken to a local print shop where it was rekeyed into a photocomposer, proofed and corrected by the typesetter, and then proofed again by the Center's editor prior to printing.

One of the major projects during our hiatus was to develop a more efficient and economical method of getting the data from

the central computer to the typesetter. Because of the standardized nature of the tables, software was developed to enter the item labels and typesetting codes while the data are still on the central computer. The resulting "print file" is then transferred via telephone lines to a word processor in our office.

A disk-to-disk conversion program translates the information stored on the word processing disks to typesetting disks. These translated disks are then taken to a print shop for production. Costs for rekeying the data into a typesetter have been eliminated and proofing time has been reduced to a minimum. The time savings in proofing, coupled with the faster turnaround available from electronic typesetting, represents a 40-50 percent decrease in the number of hours devoted to producing *Alabama Business*.

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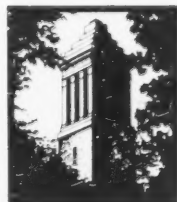
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Poverty and Age in Alabama

By E. P. Rutledge

As of April 1, 1980, there were 719,905 persons in Alabama below the level determined for escape from official poverty status. Those persons represented 18.9 percent of all Alabamians. Of those persons in poverty, 150,947 were also above the age of 60 years. They represented just at 21 percent of the total persons in poverty, although their age group accounted for only 15.5 percent of the persons for whom such poverty determination was made. Similarly, there were 241,333 persons below the age of 16 years in poverty. Combined, these two age groups comprised nearly 55 percent of the poverty group although their ages represent only 42 percent of all Alabamians.

This article will concentrate on presenting facts from the 1980 Census about the old (and those approaching that category) and poor in Alabama. We all face the prospects of age. We may be unaware that we also face the prospects of being poor as well. An all too obvious correlation between the two statuses exists. Let's take a look at some of the available data.

First of all, just what is poverty? Poverty is most of all a difficult condition to measure. In reality, a person's setting will greatly affect the amount of income needed to escape that onerous condition. In the past, a great deal of work was done to determine poverty thresholds. Research confirmed that a person in the rural South with access to a garden could escape poverty with less money income. The converse of a family in a New York ghetto needing much more money to escape poverty was also borne out. Unfortunately, the work needed to keep those thresholds updated proved too costly for the federal statistical establishment. For 1980, the Census Bureau used a much simplified structure. Table 1 shows the various amounts below which a family unit would be classed as in poverty. For comparison purposes, the median household income in Alabama for 1979 was \$13,674.

Note that the highest income a family unit headed by a person aged 65 or older could have and still be classed as in poverty was \$4,981 annually, or \$415.00 per month. In fact, over half of these persons (52.8 percent) were in family units having income of less than \$3,740 per year, or about \$312.00 per month. (An additional 58,221 persons aged 60 and over were within about \$150.00 per month of being included in the poverty group.) These income levels are hardly generous.

During the year prior to the census, 22,869 males aged 65 and over and 12,588 females aged 65 and over reported being employed. The bulk, as expected, were not in the labor force. This is also reflected in their income patterns. Table 2 presents the number of families and unrelated individuals where the

Table 2. Poverty Status for Alabama and Receipt of Social Security Income in 1979 Persons & Households Aged 60 and Over

Income in 1979	Families	Unrelated Individuals
Below poverty level:		
With Social Security income	33,581	58,147
Without SS income	10,625	18,612
Between 100 & 124% of PL:		
With SS income:		
Below PL excl. SS income	17,785	17,855
Above PL excl. SS income	336	146
Without SS income	3,031	2,052
At or above 125% or PL:		
With SS income:		
Below PL excl. SS income	42,843	22,380
Above PL excl. SS income	84,754	23,217
Without SS income	47,810	14,187

Source: 1980 Census, Summary Tape File 4, Alabama

householder is 60 years or older by poverty status. Notice the numbers of each which would have fallen into the poverty category were it not for Social Security type income.

Consistently, the old and poor live primarily in nonfamily households, with the bulk of those living alone. There is, of course, a relationship between the pooling of income and poverty. Those just above poverty are more likely to be living in family units and the group 25 percent or more above the poverty level is even more likely to be living in a family unit.

What kind of housing do the old live in? Probably old housing. There were 81,593 units occupied by a householder aged 65 or over which had been occupied since 1949 or earlier. Similarly, 50,923 units had been occupied since between 1950 and 1959 which, combined with the older housing, represents over 45 percent of the housing for persons 65 and older. A possible plus for this group is that they overwhelmingly own their own housing.

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Table 1. Poverty Level Thresholds in 1979 by Size of Family and Number of Related Children Under 18 Years Old

Size of family unit	Weighted average thresholds	Related children under 18 years							
		None	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 or over
1 person (unrelated individual)	\$ 3,686								
under 65 years	3,774	\$ 3,774							
65 years and over	3,479	3,479							
2 persons	4,723								
householder under 65 years	4,876	4,858	\$ 5,000						
householder 65 years and over	4,389	4,385	4,981						
3 persons	5,787	5,674	5,869	\$ 5,844					
4 persons	7,412	7,462	7,605	7,356	\$ 7,382				
5 persons	8,776	9,023	9,154	8,874	8,657	\$ 8,525			
6 persons	9,915	10,378	10,419	10,205	9,999	9,693	\$ 9,512		
7 persons	11,237	11,941	12,016	11,759	11,580	11,246	10,857	\$10,429	
8 persons	12,484	13,156	13,475	13,251	13,018	12,717	12,334	11,936	\$11,835
9 or more persons	14,812	16,006	16,144	15,929	15,749	15,453	15,046	14,677	\$14,586

Source: 1980 Census User's Guide

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1983										1984		
	1982	1983	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production (1,000 net tons)	25,869	23,071	1,914	2,017	1,907	1,759	1,667	2,004	1,937	2,150	2,044	1,819	2,181	2,434	2,518
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	133,892	126,576	11,423	11,429	10,399	10,301	10,189	10,541	9,028	10,409	10,453	9,407	10,962	11,264	10,750
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	120,808	360,820	33,442	29,988	31,724	32,494	24,507	33,557	11,394	30,597	29,170	28,136	28,600	31,542	31,526
Crude oil and condensate production (1,000 barrels)	20,011	18,708	1,603	1,561	1,564	1,525	1,596	1,592	1,435	1,522	1,569	1,499	1,624	1,578	1,590
Electric energy consumption (1,000,000 kWh)	21,431	21,020	1,621	1,702	1,753	1,797	1,756	1,963	1,692	1,818	1,799	1,698	1,827	1,958	1,919
Pulp, paper and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	5,419	6,166	517	506	556	554	561	505	511	559	510	479	532	526	561
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined (\$1,000)	2,011,200	2,762,900	251,100	226,900	269,800	327,100	160,400	219,900	242,200	278,600	291,000	211,000	228,400	159,700	244,600
Residential	847,200	1,292,900	103,500	111,100	109,900	125,700	100,500	101,300	162,200	138,100	97,300	96,000	98,300	82,200	125,100
Nonresidential	660,000	1,012,800	91,200	70,500	116,300	111,900	45,300	73,300	45,400	108,000	162,000	82,800	112,300	36,300	66,600
Public works and utilities	504,000	456,900	56,500	43,200	41,600	89,300	14,700	45,400	34,400	32,700	31,400	32,200	17,700	41,300	52,900
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	928	1,086	92	85	85	116	102	116	101	108	92	67	68	87	108
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations* (\$1,000,000)	4,598	5,263	4,830	4,951	4,993	5,063	5,096	5,123	5,158	5,191	5,204	5,263	5,289	5,323	5,389
Tax collections (\$1,000)	2,112,332	2,208,165	189,042	192,932	218,607	189,144	173,150	191,429	219,553	186,326	221,579	154,139	205,929	202,747	264,652
Franchise	52,016	52,214	15,688	7,306	1,145	2,717	7,524	2,253	7,300	4,430	1,980	507	302	1,153	28,642
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	197,894	199,587	14,001	17,681	16,303	17,158	17,252	17,182	17,874	16,536	16,469	16,044	18,417	16,305	15,305
Income	765,160	815,838	76,745	49,511	108,834	80,633	36,785	81,341	81,667	38,160	83,559	53,073	49,125	95,328	130,393
Motor fuels	41,505	45,027	3,049	3,763	3,901	3,136	3,206	4,195	3,183	4,189	5,673	3,906	3,415	4,409	3,448
Oil gas privilege	36,891	89,645	4,871	5,691	6,447	6,193	5,131	5,298	5,168	5,106	4,115	4,424	5,742	5,924	5,475
Oil gas production	18,510	17,290	1,808	1,362	1,823	1,541	1,319	1,319	1,331	1,314	1,339	1,146	1,265	1,565	1,442
Sales	562,208	609,132	44,491	48,128	52,546	52,347	51,650	52,961	51,526	51,888	53,500	49,930	67,569	49,655	50,142
2.2% Gross receipts	44,104	46,185	147	10,636	110	48	10,738	61	3,548	10,134	63	6	13,504	152	9
TVA electric	35,999	31,290	2,831	5,661	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,911	2,867	2,867	2,867	5,734	2,867	2,867
Tobacco	70,885	68,915	4,881	5,411	5,599	6,536	6,035	5,426	5,906	6,030	5,414	6,081	5,485	4,985	5,418
Use	67,876	66,519	960	14,062	1,239	816	14,707	1,097	643	15,021	1,389	459	15,067	1,975	1,045
Utility	134,597	152,287	13,717	12,152	11,461	10,751	10,617	11,747	12,838	22,053	11,324	11,079	14,760	15,900	13,171
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. (1967=100)	288.8	298.4	293.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	305.2	306.6	307.3
All items	288.8	298.4	293.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	305.2	306.6	307.3
Food	315.7	321.1	318.6	320.3	321.8	323.1	324.5	324.8	326.4	326.4	327.0	327.4	329.2	331.0	331.5
Housing	280.8	277.0	270.3	263.6	269.3	273.6	275.5	275.1	279.4	274.4	271.3	270.6	274.0	283.0	280.1
Fuel and utilities	191.8	196.5	194.5	196.5	196.1	196.6	196.0	197.3	200.4	200.7	200.7	199.3	196.4	196.2	198.8
Apparel and upkeep	291.5	298.4	287.4	292.3	296.2	298.3	300.4	302.4	303.7	305.0	305.4	306.3	306.0	305.8	306.9
Transportation	328.7	357.3	352.3	353.5	354.3	355.4	357.7	360.0	361.2	362.9	364.9	366.2	369.5	373.2	374.5
Medical care	416.0	419.3	399.9	410.0	421.3	427.1	410.1	429.8	429.3	425.1	419.9	418.0	416.7	420.2	418.1
Energy	299.3	303.0	300.6	300.6	301.5	302.4	303.2	304.7	305.3	306.0	305.5	306.0	308.1	308.8	311.1
Industrial commodities	312.3	315.7	313.5	312.3	313.6	315.3	316.5	317.3	317.1	318.5	318.3	318.4	319.2	320.4	321.9
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers (1977=100)	115.8	122.3	117.0	117.0	120.0	119.0	122.0	126.0	126.0	124.0	131.0	133.0	140.0	138.0	138.0
Purchasing power of the dollar U.S. (1967=\$1,000)	346	335	341	338	337	335	334	333	331	330	330	329	328	326	325
As measured by:	334	330	333	333	332	331	330	328	328	327	327	327	325	324	321
Consumer prices															
Wholesale prices															
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,713.0	1,744.8	1,739.8	1,732.7	1,729.4	1,732.2	1,758.3	1,748.2	1,748.3	1,774.6	1,774.9	1,732.8	1,744.8	1,759.6	1,765.8
Unemployment	247.0	235.1	261.9	236.6	225.0	222.2	232.0	214.8	214.5	220.7	223.1	197.0	238.4	227.9	218.0
Unemployment rate	14.4	13.5	15.1	13.7	13.0	12.8	13.2	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.6	11.4	13.6	13.0	12.3
Employment	1,466.0	1,509.7	1,477.9	1,496.1	1,504.4	1,510.0	1,526.3	1,533.9	1,533.8	1,553.9	1,551.8	1,535.8	1,506.4	1,531.7	1,547.8
Nonagricultural	1,312.5	1,318.4	1,294.4	1,312.4	1,320.9	1,331.6	1,332.0	1,323.7	1,326.5	1,344.8	1,336.6	1,338.8	1,324.4	1,330.2	1,333.0
Manufacturing	337.8	338.2	329.7	334.5	337.8	340.9	337.4	344.8	345.5	346.0	346.3	345.6	344.6	345.2	346.6
Durable goods	159.1	157.6	153.4	156.1	157.3	157.6	157.9	160.9	161.1	161.9	162.6	162.2	161.9	162.9	165.4
Lumber and wood products	25.1	27.6	26.3	27.0	27.7	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.6	28.4	28.3	27.8	28.2	28.8
Stone, clay, glass products	8.6	8.7	8.5	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8
Primary metals	29.6	24.8	24.8	25.1	25.0	24.7	24.3	24.9	24.5	24.6	24.6	24.8	25.2	25.2	26.2
Blast furn. and steel works	8.8	5.7	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.5	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.5	6.1	6.6	6.1	7.7
Iron and steel foundries	11.4	10.5	10.3	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.5	9.9	10.0	9.6	10.0
Fabricated metals	22.8	21.7	21.3	21.4	21.5	21.4	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.4	22.4	22.0	22.2	22.2
Machinery (excl. electrical)	177.6	14.3	14.6	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.6	15.9
Electrical, electronic equip.	256.5	20.5	20.8	21.2	21.5	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.0	22.3	22.3	22.3	22.5	22.9	22.9
Transportation	22.6	21.5	21.6	21.4	21.2	19.9	20.2	21.8	22.0	22.6	22.7	22.4	22.5	22.6	22.9
Other durable goods	16.0	17.2	16.1	17.0	17.2	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.1	17.9	17.5	17.7
Nondurable goods	178.8	180.5	176.3	178.4	180.5	183.3	178.5	183.9	184.4	184.1	183.7	183.4	182.7	182.3	181.2
Food	26.5	26.9	26.3	26.5	26.8	27.2	27.3	27.4	27.4	27.5	27.2	27.1	26.9	26.5	26.5
Textile mill products	38.8	39.1	37.8	38.7	38.8	39.6	37.6	39.6	40.2	40.3	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.3	40.4
Apparel	53.0	54.3	52.5	53.0	54.4	55.6	53.8	55.4	56.0	55.5	55.4	55.1	54.4	54.7	53.6
Paper and allied products	21.0	21.4	21.1	21.2	21.4	21.8	21.9	22.1	21.6	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.3	21.1	20.8
Printing and publishing	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.6
Chemicals and allied products	13.1	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.5	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.9
Rubber products	13.8	14.6	14.3	14.8	14.7	14.7	14.8	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3
Other nondurable goods	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	974.7	980.1	964.7												

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983												1984		
	1982	1983	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT																	
Other employment activity																	
State Employment Service (number)	176,752	207,309	18,927	18,139	18,495	21,778	20,987	19,505	17,884	14,485	14,784	11,998	17,008	16,014	16,084		
Job applications	66,900	91,160	6,039	7,233	4,942	10,753	15,126	15,484	7,499	7,117	6,073	5,114	5,741	5,509	6,477		
Nonagricultural placements																	
Unemployment compensation																	
Initial benefit claims (number)	632,290	428,181	36,856	30,468	26,892	25,290	49,017	29,803	24,506	27,873	28,728	35,738	75,094	29,677	28,150		
Payments (\$1,000)	233,984	191,868	21,604	18,669	14,783	14,873	13,217	15,186	13,556	11,656	12,540	13,699	18,452	15,601	15,586		
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)																	
Autauga	15,080	15,760	15,830	16,130	15,890	15,930	15,770	15,590	15,610	15,710	15,680	15,440	15,530	15,420	15,480		
Baldwin	33,390	33,830	33,340	33,650	34,000	34,400	34,910	34,040	33,640	33,970	33,950	33,790	34,310	34,670	34,600		
Barbour	11,510	11,980	11,860	12,110	12,250	12,160	12,300	12,130	12,040	12,090	11,800	11,620	11,610	11,660	11,580		
Bibb	5,570	5,940	6,050	6,030	6,100	6,250	6,180	6,220	6,200	6,170	6,100	6,030	6,040	6,090	6,060		
Blount	14,050	13,520	13,540	13,770	13,960	13,600	13,680	13,440	13,510	13,790	13,130	12,890	12,870	13,120	13,200		
Bullock	4,480	4,530	4,310	4,370	4,510	4,590	4,690	4,720	4,770	4,870	4,660	4,410	4,230	4,290	4,250		
Butler	9,960	9,900	9,970	9,770	9,920	9,820	10,020	9,900	9,910	10,250	9,940	9,720	9,900	9,770	9,810		
Calhoun	45,200	46,560	46,430	46,160	46,800	47,050	47,340	46,910	46,350	46,850	46,310	46,520	47,170	47,290	47,070		
Chambers	16,280	16,920	16,570	16,780	16,840	17,290	17,460	17,230	16,790	17,070	16,880	16,760	16,760	16,850	16,950		
Cherokee	11,390	11,400	11,290	11,730	11,960	11,580	11,120	10,910	11,600	11,770	11,430	10,860	11,090	11,110	11,120		
Chilton	13,450	15,420	14,990	15,500	15,780	15,420	15,600	15,650	15,580	15,820	15,640	15,360	15,480	15,540	15,650		
Choctaw	5,280	5,560	5,500	5,650	5,730	5,590	5,830	5,570	5,430	5,510	5,440	5,500	5,610	5,650	5,660		
Clarke	10,450	10,810	10,960	10,800	10,840	11,240	11,090	10,800	10,560	10,620	10,580	10,660	10,870	10,880	10,980		
Clay	7,400	7,520	7,470	7,450	7,540	7,370	7,280	7,470	7,590	7,670	7,510	7,510	7,510	7,510	7,510		
Cleburne	5,080	5,210	5,220	5,240	5,290	5,190	5,160	5,050	5,290	5,280	5,190	5,160	5,090	5,100	5,130		
Coffee	19,410	20,040	19,710	20,070	20,370	20,190	20,360	20,320	20,440	20,340	20,620	19,700	19,430	20,030	20,030		
Colbert	23,620	24,050	24,440	24,520	24,390	24,270	24,490	24,040	23,600	23,710	23,500	23,520	23,760	24,310	24,140		
Conecuh	6,820	7,010	7,050	7,090	7,000	7,060	7,090	7,040	7,150	7,060	6,970	7,120	7,060	7,110	7,130		
Coosa	5,930	5,570	5,590	5,600	5,680	5,490	5,500	5,480	5,590	5,610	5,600	5,520	5,510	5,520	5,460		
Covington	15,630	16,340	15,970	16,370	16,600	16,530	16,710	16,690	16,590	16,580	16,500	16,160	16,280	16,570	16,360		
Crenshaw	6,830	7,220	7,000	7,210	7,460	7,410	7,790	7,340	7,570	7,640	7,250	6,820	6,750	6,810	6,920		
Culman	27,400	28,710	28,120	29,070	29,370	28,960	29,190	28,570	28,050	28,480	28,330	28,560	28,430	28,700	29,070		
Dale	12,410	12,980	13,010	13,080	13,270	13,440	13,210	12,950	12,760	12,910	13,110	12,890	12,630	12,760	12,980		
Dallas	23,870	23,640	23,490	23,450	23,860	24,310	24,420	23,830	23,440	23,540	23,370	22,910	23,360	23,400	23,260		
DeKalb	28,460	29,950	29,400	30,060	30,370	30,160	30,580	30,100	30,200	29,530	28,890	28,890	29,440	29,310	29,580		
Elmore	19,880	20,770	20,720	21,010	21,350	21,460	21,150	21,020	20,680	20,780	20,570	20,250	20,220	20,220	20,390		
Escambia	16,470	17,430	16,930	17,610	17,770	17,810	17,890	17,340	17,340	17,360	17,410	17,440	17,560	17,610	17,420		
Etowah	42,720	42,450	43,520	42,650	43,010	42,520	42,830	42,350	41,440	41,720	41,720	41,660	41,700	41,500	41,500		
Fayette	9,630	10,170	9,970	10,110	10,210	10,260	10,200	10,100	10,330	10,450	10,310	10,160	10,160	10,170	10,340		
Franklin	13,310	14,200	13,850	14,040	14,150	14,590	15,010	14,530	14,500	14,440	14,320	14,010	15,060	15,010	15,390		
Geneva	10,800	11,400	10,990	11,250	11,690	11,740	11,680	11,450	11,570	11,550	11,600	11,470	11,330	11,320	11,430		
Greene	4,560	4,610	5,000	4,650	4,640	4,630	4,610	4,510	4,560	4,590	4,480	4,420	4,610	4,700	4,640		
Hale	4,980	5,310	5,180	5,330	5,410	5,300	5,550	5,260	5,360	5,460	5,340	5,270	5,380	5,310	5,310		
Henry	7,010	7,260	6,990	7,300	7,590	7,330	7,360	7,260	7,480	7,670	7,410	7,140	7,020	7,100	7,050		
Houston	39,040	40,070	39,460	39,820	40,570	40,540	41,010	40,360	40,720	41,050	40,160	39,630	39,610	39,840	40,080		
Jackson	21,080	20,800	21,160	21,010	20,830	20,990	21,480	20,280	20,590	20,980	20,320	19,960	19,810	19,930	19,660		
Jefferson	306,120	310,270	312,200	312,800	313,250	313,520	315,270	310,460	308,350	307,640	305,340	303,270	306,020	305,750	308,780		
Lamar	8,330	8,820	8,780	9,060	9,150	9,120	9,120	8,870	8,780	8,960	8,900	8,730	8,830	8,940	8,980		
Lauderdale	34,260	34,810	34,790	34,950	35,060	35,480	35,810	34,840	34,370	34,610	34,220	34,350	34,800	35,380	35,280		
Lawrence	14,110	14,490	14,970	15,040	14,950	14,760	14,840	14,140	13,910	13,990	13,680	13,380	13,650	13,720	13,660		
Lee	34,330	36,140	35,210	36,070	36,600	37,020	36,280	36,600	36,370	37,120	36,770	35,890	36,440	36,770	36,650		
Limestone	22,840	23,940	23,800	24,010	24,200	23,910	23,890	24,030	24,200	24,190	24,190	23,780	24,290	24,430	24,100		
Lowndes	4,960	5,320	5,340	5,250	5,350	5,290	5,370	5,400	5,490	5,560	5,420	5,500	5,260	5,370	5,180		
Marion	7,820	8,000	7,930	8,030	8,050	8,160	8,120	8,160	8,030	8,090	7,800	7,760	7,810	7,810	7,770		
Madison	94,570	100,410	97,760	98,550	100,760	102,320	101,810	102,590	102,490	103,030	102,090	100,970	102,220	102,160	104,170		
Marengo	9,690	9,920	10,270	9,820	9,950	9,950	10,210	9,840	9,790	9,860	9,790	9,640	9,860	9,800	9,970		
Marion	13,300	13,760	13,880	13,810	13,970	14,010	14,320	13,910	13,490	13,500	13,490	13,250	13,550	13,490	13,490		
Marshall	33,020	34,920	34,210	34,450	34,720	35,290	37,360	35,030	35,200	35,260	35,020	34,960	35,930	36,000	35,470		
Mobile	158,750	163,820	161,700	165,920	166,170	169,130	169,240	167,360	163,240	163,950	161,260	158,890	163,040	163,710	164,260		

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983										1984		
	1982	1983	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data contain labor force and unemployment rate—continued															
Montgomery	10,390	10,770	10,540	10,630	11,020	10,890	10,920	10,860	10,820	10,950	10,980	10,900	10,940	10,950	10,900
Mobile	14,210	14,210	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110	14,110
Madison	88,980	92,660	90,920	91,960	93,050	94,690	94,460	94,100	93,230	94,230	93,970	92,810	92,130	93,380	93,460
Morgan	37,450	37,990	37,860	37,960	38,520	38,770	38,810	38,190	37,970	37,960	37,520	37,080	37,630	37,490	37,810
Perry	5,690	5,890	5,720	5,810	5,960	6,050	6,010	5,940	5,910	5,950	5,870	5,780	5,840	5,890	5,660
Rockwall	7,650	7,630	7,670	7,650	7,830	7,720	7,790	7,620	7,590	7,650	7,510	7,600	7,500	7,540	7,450
Wake	13,240	13,270	13,220	13,250	13,410	13,340	13,390	13,360	13,310	13,370	13,390	12,960	13,360	13,420	13,590
Randolph	9,710	9,710	9,690	9,740	9,770	9,730	9,740	9,740	9,740	9,740	9,740	9,740	9,740	9,740	9,740
Russell	11,990	12,120	12,110	12,110	12,110	12,110	12,110	12,110	12,110	12,110	12,110	12,110	12,110	12,110	12,110
St. Clair	18,990	19,350	19,190	19,690	19,600	19,320	19,240	19,000	19,090	19,070	19,100	19,280	19,310	19,470	19,030
Shelby	29,440	30,510	30,440	30,440	31,080	30,670	30,930	30,580	30,380	30,570	30,230	30,220	30,890	30,650	30,300
Sunder	8,810	8,990	8,890	8,960	9,050	9,170	9,250	9,170	9,060	9,100	9,110	8,850	9,060	9,040	8,710
Tallapoosa	30,840	32,030	31,880	31,840	32,370	32,270	32,560	32,380	32,240	32,440	31,670	31,300	31,730	31,670	31,920
Tallapoosa	18,990	19,350	19,190	19,690	19,600	19,320	19,240	19,000	19,090	19,070	19,100	19,280	19,310	19,470	19,030
Tuscaloosa	13,240	13,270	13,220	13,250	13,410	13,340	13,390	13,360	13,310	13,370	13,390	12,960	13,360	13,420	13,590
Walker	37,760	42,980	42,820	43,160	43,450	43,080	43,410	42,860	42,630	43,300	42,910	43,020	43,440	43,320	43,300
Washington	8,200	8,280	8,150	8,170	8,330	8,260	8,340	8,220	8,160	8,200	8,140	8,010	8,140	8,140	7,910
Wilcox	8,380	8,890	8,840	8,840	8,990	8,920	8,990	8,920	8,840	8,890	8,840	8,490	8,530	8,580	8,200
Winston	8,480	8,450	8,410	8,380	8,450	8,460	8,410	8,280	8,170	8,390	8,170	8,960	8,970	8,950	8,450
Trade	22.5	18.6	22.2	18.6	17.3	16.9	17.3	16.3	14.8	15.3	16.2	16.5	24.4	25.6	20.0
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports	51,093	64,182	59,541	61,367	72,807	49,291	33,162	70,692	22,392	85,365	50,213	46,894	51,145	40,064	53,684
Exports	8,142	5,288	308	651	160	353	343	819	430	826	757	423	583	508	232
Value, \$1,000	1,222,158	768,611	68,176	81,971	60,503	71,690	51,007	33,212	51,981	64,610	81,993	64,282	69,760	19,449	46,531
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile	14,577	9,496	767	1,061	898	1,140	610	344	524	547	546	868	1,731	1,283	1,667
(1,000 tons)	39,655	34,916	2,674	3,190	3,051	3,268	2,960	3,013	2,812	2,948	3,118	2,653	3,017	2,522	3,015
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes	20,680	23,017	1,668	1,650	1,490	1,678	2,149	2,571	2,547	1,798	1,588	1,884	2,494	2,093	1,793
(1,000,000 kWh)	1,840,356	1,861,406	163,666	150,978	156,764	159,700	159,303	165,359	153,217	153,174	148,354	168,360			
Gasoline sales, (1,000 gallons)	108,717	122,393	9,326	9,544	11,620	10,660	11,039	10,012	11,288	10,378	10,285	11,781	10,453	11,116	11,061
New passenger car registrations (number)															
Retail sales by kind of business, state totals (\$1,000,000)															
Food	3,634		309	323	323	336	356	338	325						
General stores with food and gas	331		28	29	29	32	30	29	28						
General merchandise	2,292		190	204	171	163	190	198	194						
Apparel	499		46	45	44	42	41	47	47						
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	434		49	49	53	56	56	60	58						
Automotive	2,690		285	294	313	316	343	358	349						
Gasoline service stations	1,342		92	90	101	94	88	90	96						
Lumber and building materials	778		73	76	90	87	98	114	111						
Hardware and farm implements	351		34	34	39	47	41	42	47						
Eating places	1,112		101	99	104	104	110	111	107						
Drug stores	536		39	40	42	36	38	39	37						
All other retail	2,433		209	201	235	238	216	236	232						
Total sales by retail concerns	16,530		1,450	1,463	1,542	1,575	1,607	1,663	1,615						
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	4,749		392	357	394	403	377	392	415						
Total all sales at retail	21,279		1,842	1,841	1,936	1,978	1,985	2,055	2,030						
Retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties (\$1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston	432,037		37,560	37,700	39,448	42,513	49,304	51,054	48,924						
Birmingham	5,604,600		498,000	503,026	523,112	542,315	543,358	577,490	602,301						
Dothan	48,301		50,509	52,079	53,888	64,180	67,277	62,625							
Florence	571,705		44,376	47,505	48,245	50,479	63,605	65,598	63,784						
Gadsden	395,827		33,235	33,730	37,465	40,473	48,920	51,281	48,586						
Huntsville	1,064,650		75,670	75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,261	111,714						
Mobile	2,131,321		178,187	172,423	186,646	195,871	233,943	240,731	215,431						
Montgomery	1,224,760		110,391	113,913	118,306	127,634	144,442	152,919	147,640						
Tuscaloosa	552,075		49,621	51,079	52,860	57,120	63,538	68,343	67,387						
Counties															
Autauga	107,927		9,694	9,681	10,388	10,985	9,939	9,577	9,116						
Baldwin	366,715		27,273	27,431	30,674	32,386	39,626	38,691	33,665						
Barbour	62,778		5,091	5,366	6,353	5,603	6,977	6,872	6,871						
Beaumont	27,761		2,306	2,381	2,466	2,642	4,016	4,135	3,810						
Bibb	80,384		6,802	6,199	7,016	7,639	8,335	8,757	3,797						
Blount	59,766		2,347	2,873	2,666	2,769	3,030	2,739	2,915						
Bullock	61,385		5,309	5,164	5,924	5,792	7,567	7,599	5,367						
Butler	432,037		37,560	37,700	39,448	42,513	49,304	51,054	48,924						
Calhoun	91,694		8,411	8,178	8,585	8,776	11,667	11,279	11,337						
Cherokee	52,267		4,596	4,797	4,913	5,369	5,360	4,744	4,789						
Chilton	92,525		7,763	8,323	8,720	8,963	10,115	10,059	9,475						
Choctaw	50,700		4,143	3,753	3,852	3,623	4,210	4,121	1,941						
Clarke	89,267		7,822	8,464	8,501	8,621	10,543	10,059	8,945						
Clay	26,957		2,185	2,433	2,076	2,334	2,518	2,763	2,339						
Cleburne	24,142		2,407	2,568	2,589	2,671	2,633	2,492	2,577						
Coffee	142,602		13,642	13,968	15,283	15,128	18,061	18,176	17,887						

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983										1984		
	1982	1983	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	296,642		19,077	21,312	21,378	22,668	26,623	27,641	27,485						
Conecuh	34,109		2,968	3,327	3,317	3,364	3,912	4,025	3,911						
Cook	20,855		1,438	1,315	1,551	1,553	1,528	1,654	1,500						
Covington	140,660		12,394	13,203	13,898	14,070	15,396	16,540	16,128						
Crenshaw	32,420		2,837	3,214	3,370	3,430	3,263	3,237	3,072						
Cullman	248,962		21,470	22,800	24,572	25,274	26,934	26,854	26,708						
Dale	97,392		8,059	8,450	9,293	9,138	10,789	10,809	10,090						
Dallas	188,352		14,859	15,999	17,506	17,583	20,057	21,239	19,629						
DeKalb	171,545		12,382	13,231	14,017	15,364	17,373	17,434	16,975						
Elmore	82,262		6,853	7,370	7,784	7,758	10,675	10,428	9,817						
Escambia	133,511		12,191	12,190	12,990	13,067	14,431	15,013	13,897						
Etowah	395,827		33,235	33,730	37,465	40,473	48,920	51,281	44,586						
Fayette	35,349		7,627	7,436	7,809	8,957	7,172	7,453	7,199						
Franklin	88,064		7,618	8,320	8,811	9,024	11,022	10,532	10,287						
Geneva	146,372		12,848	13,497	14,354	13,751	14,083	14,425	13,682						
Greene	21,917		1,803	1,722	2,254	2,167	2,334	2,029	2,103						
Hale	35,115		2,988	3,182	3,330	3,849	4,212	3,965	4,096						
Henry	40,210		3,403	3,884	3,994	3,887	3,870	3,528	3,890						
Houston	430,944		40,242	42,059	42,876	44,750	53,391	56,468	52,535						
Jackson	147,971		12,836	12,510	13,826	14,506	16,639	16,577	16,068						
Jefferson	4,911,771		431,552	433,065	448,400	466,509	464,146	497,248	522,309						
Lamar	37,354		2,923	3,168	3,481	3,490	3,662	3,993	3,912						
Lauderdale	275,063		25,299	26,193	26,867	27,811	36,982	37,957	36,299						
Lawrence	54,612		4,982	5,384	5,767	6,220	7,017	7,036	6,692						
Lee	291,706		26,366	26,569	28,740	30,099	32,450	33,684	35,165						
Limestone	148,159		12,346	12,732	12,896	14,140	16,625	16,602	16,335						
Lowndes	23,153		1,793	1,997	2,128	1,871	2,232	1,766	1,870						
Macon	42,695		3,369	3,655	4,030	4,098	5,012	4,782	4,431						
Madison	859,741		75,670	75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,261	111,714						
Maricopa	87,042		6,959	7,434	6,553	6,554	7,458	7,137	6,791						
Marion	49,720		6,255	6,829	7,422	7,699	9,459	9,159	9,372						
Marshall	267,967		24,855	26,811	28,876	29,248	35,260	37,497	36,544						
Mobile	1,764,606		150,914	144,992	155,972	163,485	194,317	202,040	183,766						
Monroe	1,034,571		93,844	96,862	100,133	108,890	123,828	132,814	128,707						
Montgomery	476,700		46,673	48,763	51,232	47,019	51,489	55,483	54,513						
Morgan	28,382		2,163	2,396	2,503	2,392	2,568	2,541	2,863						
Perry	51,737		4,006	4,724	5,122	4,766	4,985	4,943	4,439						
Pike	83,838		7,689	8,420	9,436	8,411	9,542	10,582	9,512						
Randolph	54,925		5,396	5,139	5,399	5,249	5,740	5,756	6,158						
Russell	95,486		8,713	9,176	9,850	9,871	11,376	12,346	11,142						
St. Clair	105,453		10,908	12,113	13,225	13,874	15,143	14,439	14,077						
Shelby	261,472		23,908	25,959	27,540	28,624	26,130	27,317	27,242						
Sumter	34,465		2,844	2,851	2,950	3,054	3,213	3,356	3,141						
Tallapoosa	219,173		19,138	19,306	22,703	21,401	25,541	25,019	24,983						
Tallapoosa	122,749		11,180	12,046	12,721	12,832	14,060	13,709	13,783						
Tuscaloosa	552,075		49,621	51,079	52,860	57,120	63,338	68,341	67,387						
Walker	286,965		24,830	25,490	26,931	25,459	29,604	29,709	29,870						
Washington	29,920		2,651	2,253	2,422	2,302	2,584	2,347	2,352						
Wilcox	35,627		3,121	3,083	3,145	3,134	3,444	3,496	3,324						
Winston	64,854		5,502	5,864	6,102	6,664	7,329	7,926	7,166						
Statewide	4,185,970		353,006	325,161	332,174	315,325	345,084	336,259	345,200						
BUILDING ACTIVITY															
Alabama total															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	712,696	1,079,085	84,232	72,068	108,222	72,677	93,959	120,559	96,165	86,676	162,881	76,349	65,449	75,497	99,328
Residential	237,082	449,881	43,724	40,009	47,801	32,056	39,580	47,066	34,835	43,819	42,063	27,533	24,927	38,376	35,447
Nonresidential	300,343	366,127	20,153	17,120	34,301	20,465	26,714	35,834	29,816	19,695	95,659	33,868	22,711	21,524	32,351
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	5,965	8,848	674	791	850	905	826	895	794	818	718	693	595	644	790
Residential	2,700	3,593	417	312	341	346	306	309	263	268	261	231	247	251	317
Nonresidential	442	932	112	112	96	112	92	124	106	109	101	81	75	93	126
Birmingham															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	109,048	213,343	11,394	5,671	23,569	8,012	7,729	14,059	30,767	9,844	83,104	6,605	5,689	4,413	8,945
Residential	13,918	31,921	7,607	977	9,643	1,221	1,378	1,317	2,529	4,275	904	885	1,100	1,574	2,100
Nonresidential	61,839	108,370	1,580	1,098	2,177	1,911	1,855	7,476	12,498	767	70,397	526	985	530	1,071
Decatur															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	8,551	14,095	1,129	1,073	1,154	1,235	1,167	1,367	1,424	1,278	1,004	789	912	1,111	1,075
Residential	2,937	7,340	807	753	722	770	741	918	995	862	863	267	673	845	739
Nonresidential	3,812	2,156	603	123	163	177	150	155	156	140	116	32	73	81	115
Dothan															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	28,821	18,943	2,162	899	695	1,073	1,388	1,340	700	3,402	2,191	2,952	1,075	1,064	1,568
Residential	5,626	7,760	884	568	526	475	350	366	316	2,412	805	351	444	631	685
Nonresidential	9,720	6,339	973	230	59	176	468	319	40	367	1,127	2,146	457	100	452
Gadsden															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	10,429	13,596	981	395	1,351	529	4,695	354	549	550	1,389	1,189	696	530	214
Residential	1,517	2,006	271	41	273	194	170	282	224	329	75	61	110	57	93
Nonresidential	3,271	3,912	53	2	378	271	161	2	271	201	1,283	1,104	24	452	102
Huntsville															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	58,302	122,759	6,213	5,583	15,688	10,765	12,423	17,391	8,823	20,834	9,742	6,919	6,115	16,817	12,836
Residential	18,311	51,350	3,240	1,935	4,390	3,263	9,556	7,145	2,171	10,578	1,598	1,939	2,203	7,732	4,874
Nonresidential	14,238	45,128	1,874	1,766	10,098	5,693	669	6,403	5,166	3,320	5,				

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983										1984		
	1982	1983	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
BUILDING ACTIVITY															
CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	52,352	76,984	7,692	10,648	7,877	6,777	6,275	6,829	6,315	6,326	5,764	5,127	14,164	5,100	6,477
Residential	15,363	32,619	4,125	4,797	3,407	2,568	2,473	2,354	2,081	2,108	2,278	1,874	2,436	2,131	2,462
Nonresidential	22,178	28,264	1,940	5,301	3,265	2,542	2,205	2,762	2,652	2,596	2,170	1,856	9,934	1,882	2,727
Grand Cities															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	18,563	12,978	977	718	1,247	1,244	1,612	1,361	1,250	852	1,380	699	2,642	1,410	4,666
Residential	7,481	6,391	711	341	451	640	473	513	623	426	874	166	480	754	1,298
Nonresidential	5,722	3,506	45	246	176	261	737	705	380	337	123	100	207	585	3,031
Selma															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	2,757	4,197	105	184	635	115	336	103	901	67	98	356	1,826	213	219
Residential	987	357	25	63	125	30	20	20	18	30	65	20	3	133	24
Nonresidential	1,739	798	22	19	384	10	275	20	18	30	1	1	3	133	36
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits (\$1,000)															
Total	21,418	30,159	3,672	1,458	3,023	1,600	2,862	3,340	3,777	1,814	1,809	613	1,505	2,647	3,328
Residential	6,592	14,849	2,697	850	1,674	1,205	2,338	1,194	1,378	396	717	407	1,032	1,163	2,097
Nonresidential	8,408	6,227	84	187	424	569	187	1,221	711	527	599	3	132	929	573

NOTE: Throughout this table, deficits do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. Estimated totals for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data. Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data. These data may not be revised in any manner without the express permission of F. W. Dodge Div., McGraw-Hill Information Co. End-of-month balance.

Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of: All Urban Consumers. Prior to that date it included only Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers. Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No Energy data are available prior to 1978, and Housing data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new Housing series due to a change in definition.

These data were previously presented as the Wholesale Price Index. The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

Excludes sales to federal government. These data may not be revised in any manner without the express permission of R. L. Polk and Company.

Retail sales data represent sales at retail as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include sales at retail by wholesalers and other commercial concerns as well as retail concerns. Sales of retail firms should not be confused with all sales including nonretail sales by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1977 are not available for the new series. Birmingham and Huntsville MSA sales data after June 1983 are not directly comparable with earlier data because county designations were changed. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties. It does not represent a state total.

Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census; the sum of monthly figures may not equal annual total. Total construction includes additions and alterations; therefore, is not a sum of residential, nonresidential, Grand Cities and consists of Florence, Mobile Shook, Sheffield, and Tusculumbia.

Poverty and Age

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This column has centered on the combined conditions of age and poverty in Alabama. There are some bleak statistics involved — especially if we consider joining that group. But all older Alabamians are not in poverty. In fact, nearly 1,200 families headed by persons aged 65 and over reported family income in excess of \$75,000. The median income for families with householder aged 65 and over was \$9,008. Even so, far too many of our citizens can look forward to advanced years, poor health, and being alone, and poor. Since we all are candidates for that group, shouldn't we pay attention?

Additional Depository Libraries

One federal depository library in Alabama was not listed in the June issue. Additionally, the state's four Census depository libraries were omitted from the listing.

The Alabama Supreme Court and State Law Library in Montgomery serves as a selective depository library. The state's Census depository libraries include: the Public Library of Anniston and Calhoun County, Anniston; the George S. Houston Memorial Library, Dothan; Carmichael Library, University of Montevallo, Montevallo; and the Business Library, University of Alabama, University.

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The Economy in Perspective

A Profile of Madison County

Madison County, located at the top of Alabama bordering Tennessee, is the center of the Tennessee Valley area's economic activity. Its largest city, Huntsville, is known nationally for its contributions to the space program and to related research projects. In Huntsville, Redstone Arsenal and the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center have attracted privately owned support contractors, aerospace contractors, and other private agencies with high technology offerings that have stimulated the city's growth.

The 1980 Madison County population was 196,966; 78 percent of which was urban. The 1980 population represents a 5.6 percent increase over the 1970 figures. This is a substantial departure from the 1960-70 growth rate of 59 percent, which was spurred by the establishment of the Marshall Space Flight Center by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1960. The 1980 land area for Madison County was 806 square miles for a population density of 244.4. Based on its 1980 population, Madison County ranks 222 among counties in the United States.

The demographic composition of the county is white, 155,087; black, 38,999; and other 2,880. Males numbered 96,232; females, 100,734.

The city of Huntsville had a 1980 population of 142,513 for a slight increase over the 1970 count of 139,282. Huntsville's 1980 population places it no. 111 among cities in the United States and fourth in Alabama. The Huntsville land area is 113.5 square miles for a population density of 1,256.0.

Total personal income in Madison County in 1981 was \$1,972 million. Per capita personal income in 1981 was \$10,056; and in 1977, \$6,618. Comparatively, 1981 Alabama per capita personal income was \$8,217; 1977, \$5,568. Only Jefferson (\$10,303) and Montgomery (\$10,097) counties registered higher 1981 per capita personal income levels.

Earnings by place of work in Madison County in 1981 were \$1,698 million. The nonfarm sector accounted for 98.75 percent of all earnings in 1981. Within nonfarm, the private sector contributed 62.6 percent and government 37.4 percent. This private/public breakdown differs considerably from the state figures of 79 percent private and 21 percent public.

Madison County 1981 total wage and salary employment was 98,254. Nonfarm employment numbered 98.8 percent of those employed in 1981. The private sector comprised 66.9 percent of the nonfarm; public, 33.1 percent. Within the private component the following sectors represented the major shares: manufacturing

(35.8 percent), services (27.5 percent), and retail (19.3 percent).

Annual average labor force estimates for 1983 show Madison County with a civilian labor force of 100,410, with the number of unemployed at 9,210 for an unemployment rate of 9.2. This rate compares very favorably to the Alabama rate of 13.7. The Madison County rate appears more consistent with the national rate of 9.6 than with the state average. Madison County had the lowest unemployment rate of any of the major counties (based on civilian labor force). Of these counties, the rate for Jefferson was 12.8; Mobile, 15.9; Montgomery, 10.6; and Tuscaloosa, 12.5. Of all Alabama counties, only Lee County had an unemployment rate (8.4) lower than Madison; and only two other Alabama counties had rates below 10 percent in 1983 (Lamar and Chambers, both 9.8).

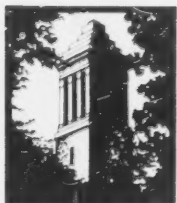
According to *County Business Patterns*, there was a total of 3,484 establishments in Madison County in 1981. The largest number of establishments (1,790) employed between 1-4 people. Ninety-five percent of all establishments fell into a larger grouping of 1-49 employees. Only four establishments employed 1,000 or more workers. The largest number of establishments was found in services (1,146) followed by retail (970) and wholesale (306) trade. The largest number of employees was in manufacturing (22,110) with services (13,703) second.

Total all sales at retail (in thousands) for Madison County was 1980, \$778,991; 1981, \$838,433; and 1982, \$859,741.

Madison County has three major institutions of high learning: The University of Alabama in Huntsville with an enrollment of approximately 6,000; Alabama A & M with an enrollment of 3,900; and Oakwood College (privately owned) with an enrollment of 1,300.

The 1980 Census reported that 31.5 percent of persons 25 years and over had completed 4 years of high school in Madison County. In addition, 17.2 percent had completed 1-3 years of college and 21.4 percent had completed 4 or more years of college. This positive educational attainment is especially significant in light of the recent Alexander Grant Business Climate study, which listed as one of Alabama's negative attributes the low percentage of the population who have completed high school. This statistic is believed indicative of the level of a trainable work force.

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Personal Income in Alabama

By Annette Jones Watters and Steve Fowler

The personal income of Alabamians lags behind the U.S. average and is not growing as fast, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

BEA recently released its estimates of total personal income and per capita personal income for 1982 for the nation, states, metropolitan areas, and counties. BEA income figures put total personal income for Alabamians for 1982 at \$34,119 million. Per capita personal income for Alabamians for 1982 was estimated at \$8,647. The total personal income figure for Alabama represents a 5 percent increase over BEA's estimate for 1981, which compares to a 6 percent increase for the nation as a whole. The 1982 per capita income level for Alabama amounts to 78 percent of the national per capita income level.

Income may be recorded either by place of work (where earned) or by place of residence (where received). Personal income by definition is a measure of income received; therefore, BEA's estimates of personal income reflect the place of residence—the state, county, and MSA of income recipients.

Total personal income of an area is the income received by all the residents of the area. It includes income received from all sources—participation in production, transfer payments, government and business, and government interest (which is treated as a transfer payment). Persons consist not only of individuals but also nonprofit institutions, private noninsured welfare funds, and private fund trusts. Proprietors' income is treated in its entirety as received by individuals.

Reflecting conservative monetary and fiscal policies as well as the effects of recession, 1982 marked the first year in five that total personal income growth failed to reach the double-digit level for both the U.S. and Alabama. Over the five-year span since 1977, income growth for the U.S. as a whole outpaced slightly income growth for Alabama. Average annual growth in U.S. total personal income was 11.0 percent for 1977-82, while average annual growth for Alabama income amounted to 10.2 percent for the same period. However, Alabama has the edge over the U.S. as a whole in long-run total personal income growth. For the period 1959-1982, the annual average growth in total personal income for Alabama was 8.95 percent, which compares to an average growth rate of 8.64 percent for U.S. income.

It is no coincidence that changes in total personal income are reflected in changes in population. With the exception of Montgomery and Madison counties, the ten most populous Alabama counties have the greatest total personal income in the same order. The ten "richest" counties, ranked by 1982 total personal income in descending order, were: Jefferson, \$7,185 million; Mobile, \$3,343 million; Madison, \$2,193 million; Montgomery (which exceeded Madison by 72 persons in the 1980 Census), \$2,072 million; Tuscaloosa, \$1,161 million; Calhoun, \$984 million; Etowah, \$855 million; Morgan, \$795 million; Lauderdale, \$731 million; and Baldwin, \$719 million.

Per capita personal income—the total personal income of the residents of a given area divided by the resident population of the area—is often preferred to total personal income as a measure of economic vitality. Per capita personal income serves as an indicator of the quality of consumer markets and of the economic well-being of the residents of an area. This measure, however, can vary widely from county to county and should be used with caution for several reasons. For example, an unusually high (or low) per capita income figure can be the temporary result of unusual conditions, such as a bumper crop, a major construction project, or a catastrophe. In some cases, a high per capita income figure is not representative of the standard of living in an area. For

example, a construction project may attract a large number of highly paid workers who are included in the population but who send a substantial portion of their wages to dependents living in other areas. Conversely, a county with a large institutional population (e.g., residents in a college, correctional institution, or domiciliary medical facility) may show an unusually low per capita income, which is not necessarily indicative of the economic well-being of the noninstitutional population.

BEA estimates that \$11,100 in personal income was generated on average for every U.S. resident in 1982. As stated previously, Alabama's per capita personal income figure of \$8,647 is only 78 percent of the national average. BEA's estimate for 1981 Alabama per capita personal income also was at 78 percent of the 1981 national level. In fact, the per capita personal income estimates for 1977 forward indicate continued erosion in Alabama's position relative to the U.S. as a whole. For 1977 and 1978, Alabama per capita personal income stood at 80 percent of the national average; for 1979 and 1980 the figure was 79 percent, according to BEA. Further, Alabama's 1982 per capita personal income amount represents an increase of 4.38 percent over the 1981 amount, while the national average growth in per capita personal income was 4.90 percent.

Three Alabama counties in the list of ten "richest" by total personal income—Calhoun, Etowah, and Tuscaloosa—are displaced in a similar ranking by per capita personal income. In descending order, the "richest" ten counties by 1982 per capita personal income were: Madison, \$10,882; Jefferson, \$10,683; Montgomery, \$10,257; Houston, \$9,175; Walker, \$8,969; Mobile, \$8,907; Lauderdale, \$8,869; Morgan, \$8,762; Baldwin, \$8,709; and Colbert, \$8,655. Several of these counties are economically linked: Mobile and Baldwin; Colbert and Lauderdale; Walker and Jefferson. Although not in the same metropolitan statistical area, Morgan and Madison counties are economically linked.

According to the BEA data for 1982, only two of Alabama's nine metropolitan areas had per capita personal income levels at or above 90 percent of the national average: Huntsville, 98 percent; Birmingham, 90 percent. These were followed by the Montgomery (86 percent) and Mobile (80 percent) metropolitan areas. Anniston, Dothan, Florence, Gadsden, and Tuscaloosa metropolitan areas had per capita personal income levels of 70-79 percent of the national average.

At the county level, only three of Alabama's sixty-seven counties—Jefferson, Madison, and Montgomery—had 1982 per capita personal income levels of at least 90 percent of the national average, according to BEA. This was also the case in 1977. Four counties were in the 80-90 percent level for 1982; six were for 1977. Nineteen counties were in the 70-79 percent level for 1982; nineteen were for 1977. Thirty-two counties were in the 60-69 percent level for 1982; only twenty-three for 1977. The per capita personal income levels of nine counties was at or less than 59 percent of the national average for 1982; sixteen were in this category for 1977.

The BEA personal income estimates reflect both the success of Alabama's "smokestack strategy" during the 1960s through the mid 1970s and the ravages of recession on the same strategy in the late 1970s and early 1980s. The new emphasis of Alabama's government and business leaders is on diversity of the state's economy. We can hope that this new strategy will be successful and will result in a more resilient economy—one in which long-run trends will regain vigor and the wealth of Alabama's citizens will increase.

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1983										1984			
	1982	1983	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
INDUSTRIAL																
Bituminous coal production ¹ (1,000 net tons)	25,869	23,071	2,017	1,907	1,759	1,667	2,004	1,937	2,150	2,044	1,849	2,181	2,434	2,518	2,211	
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	133,892	126,576	11,429	10,399	10,301	10,189	10,541	9,028	10,409	10,453	9,407	10,962	11,264	10,750	11,386	
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	320,808	360,820	29,988	31,724	32,494	24,507	33,557	31,394	30,597	29,370	28,336	28,600	31,542	29,964	27,510	
Crude oil and condensate production ² (1,000 barrels)	20,011	18,708	1,561	1,564	1,525	1,596	1,592	1,435	1,522	1,569	1,499	1,624	1,578	1,590	1,533	
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	21,431	21,020	1,702	1,753	1,797	1,756	1,963	1,892	1,818	1,799	1,698	1,827	1,958	1,919	1,983	
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	5,419	6,166	506	556	554	561	505	511	559	510	479	532	526	580	571	
CONSTRUCTION																
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined ³ (\$1,000)	2,011,200	2,768,200	226,900	269,800	332,400	160,400	219,900	242,200	278,600	291,000	211,000	228,400	159,700	244,600	174,300	
Residential	847,200	1,293,000	113,100	109,900	125,800	100,500	101,300	162,200	138,100	97,300	96,000	98,300	82,200	125,100	104,500	
Nonresidential	660,000	1,018,200	70,500	118,300	117,300	45,300	73,300	45,400	108,000	162,000	82,800	112,300	36,300	66,600	47,500	
Public works and utilities	504,000	456,900	43,200	41,600	89,300	14,700	45,400	34,400	32,700	31,400	32,200	17,700	41,300	52,900	22,300	
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	928	1,086	85	85	116	102	116	101	108	92	67	68	87	108	100	
FINANCE																
Savings in savings and loan associations ⁴ (\$1,000,000)	4,598	5,263	4,951	4,993	5,063	5,096	5,123	5,158	5,191	5,204	5,263	5,289	5,323	5,389	5,387	
Tax collections (\$1,000)																
Total	2,112,332	2,788,165	192,932	218,607	189,144	173,150	191,429	219,553	186,326	221,579	154,139	205,929	202,747	264,652	234,338	
Franchise	52,016	52,214	7,306	7,145	7,277	7,524	2,253	7,300	4,430	1,960	507	302	1,153	28,642	5,879	
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	197,894	199,587	17,681	16,303	17,158	17,252	17,132	17,874	16,536	16,469	16,044	18,417	16,305	15,305	17,523	
Income	765,160	815,838	49,511	108,834	80,633	36,785	81,341	81,667	38,160	83,559	53,073	49,125	95,328	130,393	82,889	
Motor fuels	41,505	45,027	3,763	3,901	3,136	3,206	4,195	3,383	4,189	5,673	3,906	3,415	4,409	3,448	3,899	
Oil/gas privilege	36,891	89,645	5,691	6,447	6,193	5,131	5,298	5,168	5,106	34,115	4,424	5,742	5,924	5,475	5,164	
Oil/gas production	18,510	17,290	1,362	1,823	1,541	1,319	1,319	1,331	1,314	1,339	1,146	1,465	1,565	1,442	1,384	
Sales	562,208	609,132	48,128	52,546	52,347	51,650	52,961	51,526	51,888	53,500	49,930	67,569	49,655	50,142	55,806	
2 1/2% Gross receipts	44,104	46,185	10,636	110	48	10,738	61	3,548	10,134	63	6	13,504	152	9	13,448	
TVA electric	35,999	31,290	5,661	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,911	2,867		2,867	5,734		2,867	2,867	
Tobacco	70,885	68,915	5,411	5,599	6,536	6,035	5,426	5,906	6,030	5,454	6,081	5,485	4,985	5,418	5,734	
Use	67,876	66,519	14,062	1,239	816	14,707	1,097	643	15,021	1,389	459	15,067	1,975	1,045	15,351	
Utility	134,597	152,287	12,152	11,461	10,751	10,617	11,747	12,838	22,053	11,324	11,079	14,760	15,900	13,171	11,714	
PRICES																
Consumer Price Index, U.S. ⁵ (1967 = 100)																
All items	288.8	298.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	
Food	285.7	291.7	291.9	292.4	292.0	292.0	292.2	292.6	292.9	292.5	292.9	299.4	302.1	302.2	302.3	
Housing	314.7	323.1	320.3	321.8	323.1	324.5	324.8	326.4	326.8	327.0	327.4	329.2	331.0	331.5	333.2	
Fuel and utilities	350.8	370.3	363.6	369.3	373.6	375.5	375.1	376.4	374.4	371.3	370.6	376.0	383.0	380.1	380.9	
Apparel and upkeep	191.8	196.5	195.5	196.1	195.6	195.0	197.3	200.4	200.7	200.7	199.3	196.4	196.2	198.8	199.2	
Transportation	291.5	298.4	292.3	296.2	298.3	300.4	302.4	303.7	305.0	306.3	306.3	306.0	305.8	306.9	309.6	
Medical care	328.7	357.3	353.5	354.3	355.4	357.7	360.0	361.2	362.9	364.9	366.2	369.5	373.2	374.5	375.7	
Energy	416.0	419.3	410.0	421.3	427.3	430.1	429.8	429.3	425.1	419.9	418.0	416.7	420.2	418.1	421.3	
Producer Price Index, U.S. ⁶ (1967 = 100)																
All commodities	299.3	303.1	300.6	301.5	302.4	303.2	304.7	305.3	306.0	305.5	306.1	308.0	308.8	311.1	330.4	
Industrial commodities	312.3	315.7	312.4	313.6	315.3	316.5	317.3	317.1	318.5	318.3	318.4	319.1	320.4	321.9	322.5	
Index of prices received by																
Alabama farmers (1977 = 100)	115.8	122.3	117.0	120.0	119.0	122.0	126.0	126.0	124.0	131.0	133.0	140.0	138.0	138.0	138.0	
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = \$1,000)																
As measured by																
Consumer prices	346	335	338	337	335	334	333	331	330	330	329	328	326	325	324	
Wholesale prices	334	330	333	332	331	330	328	328	327	327	327	325	324	321	303	
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT																
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,713.0	1,744.8	1,732.7	1,729.4	1,732.2	1,758.3	1,746.2	1,745.3	1,774.6	1,774.9	1,732.8	1,754.8	1,759.6	1,765.8	1,777.0	
Unemployment	247.0	235.1	236.6	225.0	222.2	232.0	214.7	214.6	220.7	223.1	197.0	238.4	227.9	218.0	197.1	
Unemployment rate	14.4	13.5	13.7	13.0	12.8	13.2	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.6	11.4	13.6	13.0	12.3	11.1	
Employment	1,466.0	1,509.7	1,496.1	1,504.4	1,510.0	1,526.3	1,531.9	1,530.8	1,553.9	1,551.8	1,535.8	1,516.4	1,531.7	1,547.8	1,579.9	
Nonagricultural	1,312.5	1,318.4	1,312.4	1,320.9	1,331.6	1,332.0	1,323.7	1,326.5	1,334.8	1,336.6	1,338.8	1,324.4	1,330.2	1,333.0	1,345.7	
Manufacturing	337.8	338.2	334.5	337.8	340.9	337.4	344.8	345.5	346.0	346.3	346.6	344.6	345.2	346.6	351.1	
Durable goods	159.1	157.6	156.1	157.3	157.6	157.9	160.9	161.1	161.9	162.2	162.2	161.9	162.9	165.4	167.0	
Lumber and wood products	25.1	27.6	27.0	27.7	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.6	28.4	28.3	27.8	28.2	28.8	28.9	
Stone, clay, glass products	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8	9.1	
Primary metals	29.6	24.8	25.1	25.0	24.7	24.3	24.9	24.5	24.6	24.8	25.2	25.2	26.2	26.2	26.2	
Blast furn. and steel works	8.8	5.7	5.8	6.0	6.1	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.5	6.1	6.6	7.1	7.7	7.7	
Iron and steel foundries	11.4	10.5	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.5	9.9	10.0	9.6	10.0	10.1	
Fabricated metals	22.8	21.7	21.4	21.5	21.4	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.4	22.4	22.0	22.2	22.2	22.4	
Machinery (excl. electrical)		14.8	14.6	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.6	15.9	15.9	
Electrical, electronic equip.		21.4	20.8	21.2	21.5	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.0	22.3	22.3	22.5	22.9	22.9	23.2	
Transportation	22.6	21.5	21.4	21.2	19.9	20.2	21.8	22.0	22.6	22.7	22.4	22.5	22.6	22.9	23.3	
Other durable goods	16.0	17.2	17.0	17.2	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.1	17.9	17.5	17.7	18.0	
Non-durable goods	178.8	180.6	178.4	180.5	183.3	179.5	183.9	184.4	184.1	183.7	183.4	182.7	182.3	181.2	184.1	
Food	26.5	26.9	26.5	26.8	27.2	27.3	27.4	27.4	27.5	27.2	27.1	26.9	26.5	26.5	26.7	
Textile mill products	38.8	39.1	38.7	38.8	39.6	37.6	39.6	40.2	40.3	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.3	40.4	40.4	
Apparel	53.0	54.3	53.0	54.4	55.6	53.8	55.4	56.0	55.5	55.4	55.1	54.4	54.7	53.6	55.7	
Paper and allied products	21.0	21.4	21.2	21.4	21.8	21.9	22.1	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.3	21.1	20.8	21.2	
Printing and publishing	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.8	
Chemicals and allied products	13.1	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.5	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.6	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	
Rubber products	13.8	14.6	14.													

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983										1984			
	1982	1983	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT																
Other employment activity																
State Employment Service (number)																
Job applications	176,752	207,309	18,139	18,495	21,778	20,987	19,505	17,884	14,485	14,784	11,998	17,938	16,014	16,084	14,672	
Nonagricultural placements	66,900	91,100	7,233	6,942	10,753	15,126	10,484	7,499	7,117	6,071	5,114	5,741	5,509	6,477	7,082	
Unemployment compensation																
Initial benefit claims (number)	632,290	428,181	30,468	26,892	25,293	49,017	29,803	24,506	27,873	28,728	35,738	75,004	29,677	28,150	24,214	
Payments (\$1,000)	233,984	191,868	16,669	14,783	14,873	13,217	15,186	13,556	11,656	12,540	13,999	18,452	15,901	15,566	11,949	
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)																
Autauga	15,080	15,780	16,190	15,890	15,930	15,770	15,590	15,610	15,710	15,680	15,460	15,530	15,420	15,460	15,600	
Baldwin	15,0	14,1	16,9	13,9	13,5	12,6	11,5	11,8	11,6	11,7	10,8	12,7	11,3	10,5	9,7	
Barbour	33,390	33,830	33,650	34,000	34,400	34,910	34,400	33,640	33,970	33,950	33,760	34,310	34,670	34,600	34,300	
Bibb	12,1	12,3	12,4	12,4	11,4	12,6	11,3	11,3	11,0	11,3	11,6	14,0	13,7	12,6	10,3	
Blount	11,510	11,980	12,110	12,250	12,160	12,320	12,130	12,040	12,090	11,800	11,520	11,610	11,660	11,580	11,920	
Blount	16,2	13,1	14,3	12,7	12,7	13,3	12,8	11,1	10,9	10,9	10,8	10,8	12,2	10,2	9,6	
Bolton	5,670	5,940	6,030	6,100	6,250	6,180	5,620	5,820	5,770	5,690	6,040	5,790	5,990	5,920	5,900	
Butler	22,8	19,6	21,2	19,0	17,6	17,2	16,2	17,9	15,0	15,4	18,0	25,3	20,0	19,6	19,1	
Calhoun	14,050	13,520	13,770	13,960	13,690	13,680	13,440	13,510	13,730	13,130	12,890	12,870	13,020	13,200	13,290	
Calhoun	19,9	18,1	19,3	18,8	18,7	19,1	16,0	15,2	14,2	14,7	14,0	17,1	16,8	21,0	13,6	
Cherokee	4,480	4,530	4,370	4,510	4,590	4,690	4,720	4,770	4,820	4,660	4,410	4,230	4,250	4,250	4,390	
Cherokee	18,3	17,2	16,2	15,5	17,7	20,1	18,4	15,0	14,3	14,9	15,2	16,1	14,1	13,3	11,6	
Chilton	9,960	9,900	9,770	9,920	9,820	10,020	9,900	9,910	10,250	9,940	9,720	9,900	9,770	9,810	9,830	
Chilton	20,3	17,3	18,4	17,8	18,2	17,9	15,9	14,0	15,2	13,3	12,0	16,7	15,5	15,1	13,2	
Chocoma	45,620	46,560	46,160	46,800	47,050	47,340	46,910	46,350	46,850	46,310	46,520	47,170	47,220	47,470	47,820	
Chocoma	13,1	14,1	13,6	14,3	13,7	13,2	12,0	10,9	11,5	10,8	11,3	12,9	12,2	11,7	10,0	
Chocoma	16,280	16,920	16,780	16,940	17,290	17,460	17,230	16,790	17,070	16,880	16,760	16,760	16,850	16,950	17,050	
Chocoma	11,3	9,8	9,7	9,6	10,1	11,2	9,7	7,8	8,7	8,3	7,8	8,8	9,3	6,8	8,9	
Cherokee	11,390	11,400	11,730	11,960	11,580	11,120	10,910	11,600	11,770	11,430	10,860	11,090	11,110	11,120	11,680	
Chilton	14,8	15,4	15,0	12,6	12,9	19,4	17,4	9,7	13,4	10,2	11,1	14,5	17,4	20,8	11,3	
Choctaw	13,450	15,420	15,500	15,780	15,420	15,600	15,650	15,580	15,820	15,640	15,360	15,490	15,540	15,850	15,710	
Choctaw	15,6	13,3	14,5	14,0	12,6	12,0	11,5	10,9	10,3	10,7	10,5	12,7	11,7	11,7	11,1	
Clarke	5,280	5,560	5,650	5,730	5,590	5,830	5,570	5,430	5,510	5,440	5,500	5,610	5,650	5,660	5,650	
Clarke	15,3	15,2	16,6	16,8	16,1	19,0	14,7	12,9	12,6	11,4	12,8	15,2	16,1	15,9	13,8	
Clarke	10,450	10,810	10,800	10,840	11,240	11,090	10,800	10,580	10,620	10,580	10,560	10,870	10,680	10,780	10,640	
Clay	15,9	16,2	16,9	16,8	18,1	17,0	14,6	13,4	13,2	13,6	13,8	15,9	14,9	13,8	12,7	
Clay	7,400	7,520	7,450	7,540	7,370	7,720	7,470	7,590	7,690	7,670	7,510	7,650	7,670	7,840	7,950	
Clay	13,5	13,8	13,4	15,8	15,2	17,4	12,9	11,8	11,3	11,3	10,7	12,3	11,8	10,8	9,8	
Cleburne	5,080	5,210	5,240	5,290	5,190	5,180	5,050	5,290	5,280	5,190	5,160	5,090	5,100	5,130	5,150	
Coffee	14,5	12,5	16,4	13,3	13,3	11,0	9,6	10,0	9,6	9,7	9,7	11,2	10,9	10,8	8,7	
Coffee	19,410	20,040	20,070	20,370	20,190	20,360	20,320	20,440	20,340	20,020	19,700	19,430	20,030	20,030	20,120	
Colbert	11,8	10,8	11,5	11,1	10,1	10,7	9,8	8,8	8,5	8,9	9,6	10,2	10,5	9,8	8,1	
Colbert	23,620	24,050	24,520	24,390	24,270	24,490	24,400	23,600	23,710	23,500	23,520	23,760	24,310	24,140	24,310	
Conecuh	19,0	18,5	20,6	18,7	17,8	18,6	17,4	16,4	15,8	15,3	15,5	19,0	20,1	18,3	17,8	
Conecuh	6,820	7,010	7,000	7,000	7,060	7,090	7,040	7,100	7,060	6,970	7,120	7,050	7,010	7,130	7,260	
Coosa	13,9	12,7	13,8	12,9	12,3	12,3	11,1	12,6	11,7	12,3	13,7	13,7	14,1	12,6	11,1	
Coosa	5,530	5,570	5,600	5,680	5,460	5,610	5,480	5,590	5,610	5,600	5,520	5,510	5,520	5,460	5,610	
Covington	10,8	10,3	11,4	11,7	10,6	11,6	9,5	8,1	7,7	8,2	7,8	9,0	8,8	7,8	7,5	
Covington	15,630	16,340	16,370	16,600	16,530	16,710	16,690	16,590	16,580	16,500	16,160	16,280	16,570	16,360	16,370	
Crenshaw	13,5	12,3	12,3	11,4	10,7	14,9	12,3	10,9	10,3	11,1	11,3	12,8	13,4	11,6	10,1	
Crenshaw	6,830	7,220	7,210	7,460	7,410	7,790	7,340	7,570	7,640	7,250	6,820	6,750	6,810	6,920	7,170	
Cullman	13,8	12,1	11,8	10,9	11,4	24,3	10,8	9,9	8,6	8,3	8,6	12,5	11,9	12,7	10,3	
Cullman	27,400	28,710	29,070	29,370	28,960	29,190	28,570	29,050	29,480	28,830	28,050	28,430	28,700	29,710	29,160	
Dale	17,2	14,7	15,9	14,9	14,1	14,4	12,5	11,9	11,1	10,9	10,7	14,2	14,6	12,9	10,6	
Dale	12,410	12,980	13,080	13,270	13,040	13,210	12,950	12,760	13,110	12,890	12,630	12,760	12,780	12,980	12,960	
Dallas	13,1	13,7	14,9	13,8	13,4	14,2	12,6	11,3	11,8	12,1	11,5	12,8	13,3	13,7	11,4	
Dallas	23,870	23,640	23,450	23,860	24,310	24,420	23,830	23,440	23,540	23,370	22,910	23,360	23,400	23,260	23,480	
DeKalb	17,3	17,5	17,7	17,8	17,2	18,0	16,3	15,5	15,2	15,3	14,7	17,0	16,6	15,6	15,5	
DeKalb	28,460	29,950	30,060	30,370	30,700	31,260	30,580	30,100	30,200	29,530	28,890	29,440	29,310	29,580	30,100	
Elmore	13,4	13,8	14,7	13,4	13,4	14,7	12,0	12,1	13,0	12,3	11,6	14,5	12,7	12,0	10,8	
Elmore	19,880	20,770	21,010	21,350	21,460	21,150	21,020	20,680	20,780	20,570	20,250	20,170	20,220	20,390	20,570	
Escambia	13,3	12,2	13,8	13,6	12,3	12,3	11,7	10,4	10,1	9,5	8,4	9,6	9,1	8,8	8,0	
Escambia	16,470	17,430	17,610	17,770	17,810	17,890	17,360	17,440	17,560	17,410	17,440	17,560	17,610	17,820	17,610	
Etowah	13,2	12,6	13,0	13,2	12,8	13,7	12,4	11,3	11,3	12,1	12,6	14,3	13,5	11,8	11,3	
Etowah	42,720	42,450	42,650	43,010	42,520	42,830	42,350	41,440	41,890	41,720	41,370	41,660	41,700	41,500	41,810	
Fayette	20,5	17,5	18,8	17,2	16,6	17,0	15,3	14,0	14,0	14,2	13,5	15,8	15,3	14,3	13,4	
Fayette	9,830	10,170	10,110	10,210	10,260	10,200	10,100	10,330	10,450	10,310	10,160	10,160	10,170	10,340	10,490	
Franklin	11,4	11,7	<													

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983										1984			
	1982	1983	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT																
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate) —continued																
Monroe	10,360	10,770	10,830	11,020	10,890	10,920	10,860	10,820	10,950	10,980	10,900	10,940	10,950	10,900	11,010	
Montgomery	88,090	92,650	91,960	93,050	94,690	94,460	93,700	93,230	94,230	93,970	92,810	92,730	93,380	93,460	94,430	
Morgan	37,450	37,990	37,990	38,520	38,770	38,810	38,190	37,970	37,960	37,520	37,080	37,630	37,490	37,810	38,060	
Perry	5,680	5,850	5,830	5,960	6,050	6,010	5,940	5,910	5,950	5,870	5,780	5,840	5,690	5,660	5,730	
Pickens	7,550	7,630	7,650	7,830	7,720	7,790	7,620	7,590	7,650	7,510	7,600	7,500	7,540	7,450	7,590	
Pike	13,260	13,770	13,950	14,310	13,780	13,990	13,660	13,710	14,370	13,890	12,960	13,360	13,420	13,590	13,680	
Randolph	9,710	9,170	9,140	9,270	9,030	9,710	9,040	8,880	9,310	9,050	8,950	8,890	8,830	8,780	8,820	
Russell	17,990	18,320	18,190	18,360	18,490	18,590	18,510	18,060	18,230	18,190	18,210	19,480	18,690	18,560	18,790	
St. Clair	18,980	19,350	19,690	19,600	19,320	19,240	19,000	19,090	19,070	19,100	19,280	19,310	19,470	19,030	19,280	
Shelby	29,940	30,510	30,480	31,080	30,670	30,930	30,580	30,380	30,570	30,230	30,220	30,890	30,650	30,300	30,740	
Sumter	6,810	6,990	7,060	7,050	7,170	7,250	7,120	6,900	7,100	7,110	6,850	7,060	7,040	7,170	7,220	
Talladega	30,840	32,030	31,840	32,370	32,270	32,590	32,380	32,240	32,440	31,670	31,300	31,730	31,670	31,920	32,210	
Tallapoosa	16,900	16,580	16,220	16,460	16,910	17,390	16,780	16,510	16,660	16,580	16,580	16,850	16,970	17,080	17,220	
Tuscaloosa	55,530	56,520	56,920	57,270	56,520	56,610	56,210	55,900	56,800	56,540	56,400	56,910	57,500	58,020	58,090	
Walker	31,760	32,980	33,160	33,450	33,080	33,410	32,860	32,630	33,300	32,910	33,020	33,440	33,350	33,330	32,570	
Washington	6,200	6,380	6,370	6,530	6,630	6,740	6,420	6,530	6,500	6,340	6,210	6,330	6,400	6,553	6,510	
Wilcox	6,380	6,860	6,270	6,090	5,720	5,590	5,500	5,590	5,680	5,490	5,320	5,340	5,380	5,230	5,340	
Winston	8,480	9,150	9,080	9,250	9,360	9,510	9,280	9,170	9,290	9,170	8,960	9,570	9,850	9,450	9,450	
	22.5	18.6	18.8	17.3	16.9	17.3	16.3	14.8	15.3	16.2	16.5	23.4	25.8	20.0	17.9	
TRADE																
Foreign, through Port of Mobile																
Imports																
Value (\$1,000)	551,093	643,182	61,067	72,807	49,281	33,162	70,692	22,392	85,365	50,213	46,894	51,145	40,064	53,684	72,261	
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	8,142	6,288	651	560	353	343	819	430	826	757	423	583	508	232	718	
Exports																
Value (\$1,000)	1,222,158	788,611	81,973	60,503	71,690	51,007	33,212	51,981	64,610	81,993	64,282	69,760	39,449	46,631	32,516	
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	14,577	9,496	1,061	898	1,150	610	344	524	547	546	868	1,731	1,283	1,667	2,096	
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile ^a (1,000 tons)	39,655	34,916	3,193	3,051	3,268	2,560	3,013	2,812	2,948	3,118	2,653	3,017	2,522	3,015	3,110	
Domestic																
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (1,000,000 kWh)	22,680	23,017	1,650	1,490	1,678	2,149	2,571	2,547	1,798	1,508	1,884	2,494	2,093	1,793	1,604	
Gasoline sales ^b (1,000 gallons)	1,840,396	1,861,406	150,978	158,764	159,700	159,303	165,359	153,217	153,174	148,354	168,460					
New passenger car registrations ^c (number)	100,717	122,393	9,544	11,620	10,660	11,039	10,012	11,288	10,378	10,295	11,751	10,453	11,116	11,051	11,616	
Retail sales by kind of business, state totals ^d (\$1,000,000)																
Food	3,634		323	323	336	356	338	325								
General stores with food and gas	331		29	29	32	30	29	28								
General merchandise	2,292		204	171	163	190	198	194								
Apparel	499		45	44	42	41	47	47								
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	534		49	53	56	56	60	58								
Automotive	2,690		294	313	336	343	358	349								
Gasoline service stations	1,342		90	101	94	88	90	85								
Lumber and building materials	778		76	90	97	98	114	111								
Hardware and farm implements	351		34	39	42	41	42	42								
Eating places	1,112		99	104	104	110	111	107								
Drug stores	536		40	42	36	38	39	37								
All other retail	2,433		201	235	238	216	236	232								
Total sales by retail concerns	16,530		1,483	1,542	1,575	1,607	1,663	1,615								
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	4,749		357	394	403	377	392	415								
Total all sales at retail	21,279		1,841	1,936	1,978	1,985	2,055	2,030								
Retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties ^e (\$1,000)																
MSAs																
Anniston	432,037		37,700	39,448	42,513	49,304	51,054	48,924								
Birmingham	5,604,600		503,026	523,112	542,315	543,538	577,490	602,301								
Dothan			47,505	48,245	50,479	63,605	67,277	62,625								
Florence	571,705		33,730	37,465	40,473	48,920	51,281	48,586								
Gadsden	395,827		75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,261	111,714								
Huntsville	1,064,650		172,423	186,646	195,871	233,943	240,731	217,431								
Mobile	2,131,321		113,913	118,305	127,634	144,442	152,919	147,640								
Montgomery	1,224,760		51,079	52,860	57,120	63,538	68,343	67,387								
Tuscaloosa	552,075															
Counties																
Autauga	107,927		9,681	10,388	10,986	9,939	9,677	9,116								
Baldwin	368,715		27,431	30,674	32,386	39,626	38,691	33,665								
Barbour	62,778		5,366	6,353	5,603	6,977	6,872	6,871								
Bibb	27,761		2,381	2,466	2,642	4,016	4,135	3,810								
Blount	80,384		6,399	7,016	7,639	8,335	8,757	8,797								
Blount	59,766		2,873	2,666	2,769	3,030	2,739	2,915								
Butler	61,385		5,364	5,924	5,792	7,567	7,599	7,367								
Calhoun	432,037		37,700	39,448	42,513	49,304	51,054	48,924								
Chambers	91,694		8,178	8,585	8,776	11,567	11,279	11,337								
Cherokee	52,267		4,797	4,913	5,369	5,360	4,744	4,789								
Cherokee	92,525		6,323	8,720	8,963	10,115	10,059	9,475								
Chilton	50,700		3,753	3,852	3,623	4,210	4,121	3,941								
Choctaw	89,267		8,464	8,501	8,621	10,543	10,059	8,945								
Clarke	26,957		2,433	2,076	2,334	2,518	2,763	2,339								
Clay	24,342		2,568	2,589	2,671	2,633	2,492	2,577								
Cleburne																
Coffee	142,602		13,968	15,283	15,128	18,061	18,176	17,887								

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983										1984			
	1982	1983	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
TRADE—CONTINUED																
Retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued																
Counties—continued																
Colbert	296,642		21,312	21,378	22,668	26,623	27,641	27,485								
Conecuh	34,109		3,327	3,317	3,364	3,912	4,025	3,911								
Coosa	20,855		1,315	1,551	1,553	1,528	1,654	1,500								
Covington	140,600		13,203	13,898	14,070	15,396	16,540	15,128								
Crenshaw	32,420		3,214	3,370	3,430	3,263	3,237	3,072								
Cullman	249,992		22,800	24,572	25,274	26,934	26,844	26,708								
Dale	97,392		8,450	9,203	9,138	10,789	10,809	10,090								
Dallas	188,352		15,999	17,506	17,583	20,057	21,239	19,629								
DeKalb	171,545		13,231	14,017	15,364	17,373	17,434	16,975								
Elmore	82,262		7,370	7,784	7,758	10,675	10,428	9,817								
Escambia	133,511		12,100	12,990	13,067	14,431	15,013	13,897								
Etowah	395,827		33,730	37,465	40,473	48,920	51,281	48,586								
Fayette	85,349		7,436	7,809	8,057	7,172	7,453	7,199								
Franklin	88,064		8,320	8,811	9,024	11,022	10,532	10,287								
Geneva	146,372		13,497	14,304	13,751	14,083	14,425	13,682								
Greene	21,917		1,722	2,254	2,167	2,334	2,029	2,103								
Hale	35,115		3,182	3,330	3,849	4,212	3,965	4,090								
Henry	40,210		3,884	3,994	3,887	3,870	3,526	3,890								
Houston	430,944		42,059	42,878	44,750	53,391	56,468	52,535								
Jackson	147,971		12,510	13,826	14,506	16,630	16,577	16,068								
Jefferson	491,771		43,065	44,800	46,609	46,146	49,748	52,309								
Lamar	37,354		3,168	3,481	3,490	3,662	3,993	3,912								
Lauderdale	275,063		26,193	26,867	27,811	36,982	37,957	36,299								
Lawrence	64,612		5,384	5,767	6,220	7,017	7,036	6,692								
Lee	291,706		26,569	28,742	30,099	32,450	33,684	35,165								
Limestone	148,159		12,732	12,806	14,140	16,625	16,602	16,335								
Lowndes	23,153		1,997	2,128	1,871	2,232	1,766	1,870								
Macon	42,695		3,655	4,030	4,098	5,012	4,782	4,431								
Madison	859,741		75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,261	111,714								
Marion	87,042		7,434	7,422	7,699	9,459	9,159	9,372								
Marion	89,720		6,829													
Marshall	267,967		26,811	28,975	29,248	35,269	37,497	36,544								
Mobile	1,764,606		144,992	155,972	163,485	194,317	202,040	183,766								
Monroe	103,747		9,134	9,382	9,504	10,784	11,549	10,899								
Montgomery	1,034,571		96,862	100,133	108,890	123,828	132,814	128,707								
Morgan	478,700		46,763	51,232	47,039	51,489	55,483	54,013								
Perry	28,382		2,396	2,503	2,392	2,568	2,541	2,863								
Pickens	51,737		4,724	5,122	4,766	4,985	4,943	4,439								
Pike	83,838		8,420	9,436	8,411	9,542	10,582	9,512								
Randolph	54,925		5,139	5,399	5,249	5,740	5,756	6,156								
Russell	95,486		9,176	9,850	9,871	11,376	12,346	11,142								
St. Clair	105,453		12,113	13,225	13,874	15,143	14,439	14,077								
Shelby	261,472		25,959	27,540	28,824	26,130	27,337	27,242								
Sumter	34,465		2,851	2,920	3,004	3,213	3,356	3,143								
Talladega	219,173		19,300	22,703	21,401	25,541	25,019	24,383								
Tallapoosa	122,749		12,046	12,721	12,832	14,060	13,709	13,783								
Tuscaloosa	552,075		51,079	52,860	57,120	63,538	68,343	67,387								
Walker	286,965		25,490	26,931	25,469	29,604	29,709	29,876								
Washington	29,920		2,233	2,422	2,302	2,584	2,347	2,352								
Wilcox	35,627		3,083	3,145	3,134	3,444	3,496	3,324								
Winston	64,854		5,864	6,102	6,664	7,329	7,926	7,166								
Statewide*	4,185,970		325,161	332,174	315,325	345,084	336,259	345,200								
BUILDING ACTIVITY*																
Alabama total																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	712,696	1,079,085	72,068	108,222	72,677	93,959	120,559	96,165	86,676	162,881	76,349	65,449	75,491	99,328	193,079	
Residential	237,082	449,881	40,009	47,803	32,005	39,580	47,066	34,835	43,819	42,063	27,533	24,927	38,376	39,447	46,811	
Nonresidential	300,343	366,127	17,120	34,301	20,565	26,714	35,834	29,816	19,695	95,659	33,866	22,711	21,524	32,351	130,709	
In selected cities																
Anniston																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	5,965	8,848	791	850	905	826	895	794	818	718	693	595	644	790	788	
Residential	2,700	3,593	312	341	346	306	309	263	268	261	231	247	255	317	317	
Nonresidential	442	932	112	96	112	92	124	106	109	101	81	75	93	126	113	
Birmingham																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	109,048	213,343	5,671	23,569	6,012	7,729	14,059	30,767	9,844	83,104	6,605	5,889	4,413	8,945	7,619	
Residential	13,918	31,921	977	9,643	1,221	1,378	1,317	2,529	4,275	904	885	1,100	1,574	2,100	2,551	
Nonresidential	61,839	108,370	1,098	2,177	1,911	1,855	7,416	12,498	767	70,397	526	985	530	1,071	90	
Decatur																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	8,551	14,095	1,073	1,154	1,235	1,167	1,367	1,424	1,278	1,004	789	912	1,111	1,075	1,106	
Residential	2,937	7,340	713	722	770	741	918	995	862	663	267	673	845	739	739	
Nonresidential	3,812	2,156	123	163	177	150	155	156	140	116	32	73	81	115	139	
Dothan																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	28,821	18,943	899	695	1,073	1,388	1,340	700	3,402	2,191	2,952	1,075	1,064	1,568	1,353	
Residential	5,626	7,760	568	326	475	350	366	316	2,412	805	351	444	631	685	695	
Nonresidential	9,720	6,339	230	59	176	468	319	40	367	1,127	2,146	457	100	452	518	
Gadsden																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	10,429	13,596	395	1,351	529	4,695	354	549	550	1,389	1,189	656	530	214	565	
Residential	1,517	2,006	41	273	194	170	282	224	329	75	61	110	57	92	347	
Nonresidential	3,271	3,912	2	376	271	161	2	271	201	1,283	1,104	24	452	102	163	
Huntsville																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	58,302	122,759	5,583	15,688	10,765	12,423	17,391	8,823	20,834	9,742	6,919	6,115	16,817	12,836	8,111	
Residential	18,311	51,350	1,835	4,390	3,263	9,556	7,145	2,171	10,578	1,596	1,939	2,203	7,732	4,874	4,843	
Nonresidential	14,238	45,128	1,766	10,098	5,693	669	6,403	5,166	3,320	5,238	3,809	2,270	5,358	7,169	2,413	
Mobile																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	83,675	179,508	8,756	14,828	3,923	14,352	13,411	5,161	6,093	8,760	10,475	3,718	5,366	17,080	116,254	
Residential	19,544	38,261	6,816	4,337	1,334	1,132	1,810	1,127	990	1,586	7,313	984	1,470	1,424	2,639	
Nonresidential	43,701	49,663	973	9,054	664	11,007	10,337	1,465	2,188	5,173	2,058	1,419	2,488	4,160	112,221	

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983										1984			
	1982	1983	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
BUILDING ACTIVITY—CONTINUED																
Montgomery																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	52,352	76,984	10,648	7,877	6,777	6,275	6,829	6,315	6,326	5,764	5,127	14,164	5,100	6,477	6,330	
Residential	15,363	32,619	4,797	3,407	2,568	2,473	2,354	2,081	2,108	2,278	1,874	2,436	2,131	2,462	2,509	
Nonresidential	22,178	28,264	5,301	3,265	2,542	2,205	2,762	2,652	2,596	2,170	1,856	9,934	1,882	2,727	2,496	
Quad-Cities ¹																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	18,563	12,978	718	1,247	1,244	1,612	1,361	1,250	852	1,360	699	2,642	1,410	4,666	2,443	
Residential	7,481	6,391	341	451	640	473	513	623	428	874	166	480	754	1,298	700	
Nonresidential	5,722	3,506	246	176	261	737	706	380	537	123	100	207	585	3,031	1,079	
Selma																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	2,757	4,197	184	635	115	336	103	901	67	98	356	1,826	213	219	1,019	
Residential	987	357	63	175	30		20			65	20			24	87	
Nonresidential	1,739	796	19	384	10	275	20	18	30	1		3	133	36	717	
Tuscaloosa																
Building permits (\$1,000)																
Total	21,418	30,159	1,458	3,023	3,600	2,862	3,340	3,777	1,814	1,809	613	1,505	2,647	3,328	1,804	
Residential	6,592	14,849	850	1,674	1,205	2,338	1,194	1,378	396	717	407	1,032	1,163	2,097	988	
Nonresidential	8,408	6,227	187	424	569	187	1,221	711	527	599	3	132	929	573	277	

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data. Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data. These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of F. W. Dodge Div., McGraw-Hill Information Co. End-of-month balance.

Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of: All Urban Consumers. Prior to that date, it included only: Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers. Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No. Energy data are available prior to 1978, and Housing data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new Housing series due to a change in definition.

These data were previously presented as the Wholesale Price Index. The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

Excludes sales to federal government. These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of R. L. Polk and Company.

Retail sales data represent sales at retail as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1977 are not available for the new series. Birmingham and Huntsville MSA sales data after June 1983 are not directly comparable with earlier data because county designations were changed. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.

Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census; the sum of monthly figures may not equal annual total. Total construction includes additions and alterations; therefore, is not a sum of residential nonresidential. Quad-Cities consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tusculuma.

Number of Households Up Substantially

The number of U.S. households increased substantially during the past year, according to a report released by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

The report, *Households, Families, Marital Status, and Living Arrangements: March 1984*, says that in March 1984 the nation had 85.4 million households, 1.5 million more than a year earlier. The rate of increase is about the same as in the 1970s but sharply higher than the 391,000 gain in 1982-83. That was the first time in 20 years the number of households did not increase significantly.

Families accounted for 73 percent of all households in 1984, a proportion only slightly lower than in 1980. There were 50.1 million family households containing married-couples, 9.9 million with female householders (no husband present), and 2 million with male householders (no wife present). One of every four households added since 1980 were families with no husband present.

The average number of persons per household fell to a new low

of 2.71 in 1984, resuming a decline that began in the mid-1960s and was interrupted in 1983. Major factors in the decline have been the disproportionate increase in one-person households and comparatively low birth rates.

The report provides selected information on unmarried-couple households (defined as two unrelated adults of opposite sex who share a household—for any reason). There were about 2 million such couples in 1984, representing only 4 percent of all couples.

The report also discusses the proportion of young adults postponing entry into marriage. Among men 20 to 24 years old, the proportion never married grew from 55 percent in 1970 to 69 percent in 1980 and to 75 percent in 1984. Among women 20 to 24, the percentages were 36, 50, and 57. The percentages also increased significantly for men and women 25 to 29 and those aged 30 to 34.

The data are based on the Current Population Survey. As with any survey, the estimates are subject to sampling variability and other sources of error.

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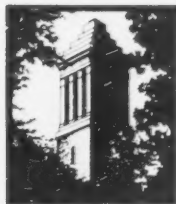
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